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ADVERTISING.

What would this city be like without its stores? What would this newspaper be like without its store-ads? One would be about as interesting as the other.

CLOSING OF YEAR AT STATE CAPITAL

Number of Charters Issued and Corporations are Now Domesticating.

AN EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Loan Fund Has Been Large—Improvements in Federal Building at Raleigh—National Guard Affairs—Laymen's Movement.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The Corporation Commission today issued authority for The Elon Banking & Trust Co., to open a banking business at Elon College Monday. The capital is $10,000 and the cashier is W. T. Lawrence.

The Union Tanning Co., of New Jersey, domesticated in North Carolina today for the purpose of operating a tannery at Old Fort.

A charter is granted the Empire Manufacturing Co., Goldsboro, to do a general timber and milling business, capital $200,000 by J. B. Edgerton, N. O'Berry, W. T. Aycock and others. The construction of lumber railroads is included in the authority specified.

Balances just cast in the Department of Education show that since 1903 loans from the State loan fund to aid in the erection of school houses have been made in 88 counties, the aggregate being $465,000. This money has gone to 1,000 districts for providing adequate public school buildings for 145,000 children. Only a certain per cent of the cost of the school house to be erected is included in the State loan so that the value of the school houses actually provided through the State loans is about $1,125,000, well nigh all of them being erected in accordance with plans approved by the State Department, which furnishes plans for various grades of approved school buildings from the one-room building to two-story school buildings with all the detail specifications worked out.

An installment of interest and part payment of principal on the loan funds outstanding falls due February 10th amounting to $58,544.84. The interest paid by the school districts is at the rate of 6 per cent. Payment of interest and principal are guaranteed by the county commissioners.

Gen. T. R. Robertson, of the North Carolina National Guard, has returned from Beaufort where he spent several days and says that he left the most remarkable weather conditions there. The thermometer was at 15 degrees and the white sand on the edge of the sound was frozen hard. Mrs. Robertson was with the general.

The United States court room in the government building here is about ready now for the convening of the term of Federal District and Circuit courts by Judge Connor January 4th. The renovation is about completed, with entirely new finish to the walls, refinished wood-work, remodeled and newly carpeted bar and a general readjustment of the place. Chief Clerk I. M. Deaton, of the revenue department, acting for Collector Wheeler Martin, custodian of the building, has, with the co-operation of the Clerk of the Court, H. L. Grant, put the place in ideal order. An enclosed dock for the prisoners and a portable platform for the jury and another for the witness chair are especially notable improvements.

The judge's chambers have also been refinished and refurnished as well as moved from the second to the third floor where they open into the court room.

There are 107 entirely new cases awaiting trial at this term of the court in addition to a big docket of cases brought over from former terms. It is an interesting fact that of the 107 new cases that have been docketed 47 of them have come up from the court of the United States Commissioner Jno. Nichols here, being Wake county cases, mostly for retailing.

The Brander Cotton Mills Corporation, of Richmond, Va., domesticated under the laws of North Carolina today to operate a cotton mill in Concord. The capital is $60,000 all of which is to be issued in stock January 5th, $500 being subscribed at this time. B. A. Ruffin is president of the corporation.

The Masters & Ages Co., of Tennessee, domesticated for operating stores at Raleigh, Durham and other places in this State for selling clothing for men and women on the instalment plan.

The statement is made in the office of the Adjutant General of the National Guard that every company of the North Carolina National Guard is now amply equipped for assuring acceptance under the Dick bill by the War Department as a part of the National military forces. The limit under the act within which companies of the guards in the various States must be equipped in compliance with the regulations is January 21st. The North Carolina Guard has been well within the requirements for a month or so now.

The Raleigh laymen have appointed special committees to visit various points in Eastern Carolina and work up interest in the Laymen's Convention to be held in Greensboro January 12th to 14th. On January 2nd Rev. Geo. W. Lay, Hon. James R. Young, and Prof. Z. V. Judd will visit Rocky Mount and Dr. B. F. Dixon, W. J. Peele, and J. W. Bailey, will go to Wilson. On January 9th N. B. Broughton, Joseph G. Brown and J. R. Young will go to Greenville; V. Judd, W. A. Graham and R. H. Battle to Goldsboro and Dr. B. F. Dixon, Col. F. A. Olds and Dr. J. R. Hunter, to Washington.

ACTIVE WEEK FOR COTTON

Staple Continues to Advance to New High Prices With Better Demand—Bitter Complaint From Manufacturers.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton has advanced to new high records on more active speculation and what seems to be more to the point, reports of a far better demand for the actual cotton at home and abroad. The rise in prices is still the subject of bitter complaint from cotton manufacturers and it is also said that a State transfer tax may be levied on trading in cotton and grain similar to that now imposed upon transactions in securities.

Bulls insist on a crop 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 smaller than the world's requirements of American cotton. Spinners have been buying more freely of future and also, it is said, of the actual cotton. The bullish version of this is that many of the spinners are coming to their senses, recognizing that this is a very short crop and that higher prices are inevitable.

Large spot interests have been very heavy buyers taking in hedges as spinners called for the cotton. Liverpool has also bought on a large scale. Some leading bull operators have sold from time to time, but bought again on any reaction, a course which enables them to support the market from time to time whenever it appears necessary.

Liverpool prices have been unexpectedly strong day after day. Western dry goods reports have been favorable and in fact much of the news has been of a bullish character. The bulls have been particularly encouraged by the rise of spot quotations and the reports of a large demand for the actual staple. The state of cotton goods at the South, particularly in the Atlantic States, is reported to be far more favorable than it was a month ago and New England mills, it is stated, have latterly been buying in the Southwest after holding aloof from the market for 60 days. Wall street, Chicago, New Orleans and the South generally have bought freely from time to time. The outside public has shown less hesitation about buying. On the other hand Fall River reports trade quiet and at New York there has been some falling off in the dry goods market.

Curtailment Still Reported.

Curtailment is still reported in many parts of the cotton world at home and abroad and some old cotton men contend that the price of cotton has gone up like a rocket and is bound sooner or later to come down like a stick. In any case they believe the present price discounts anything bullish in the situation, and think if the price is carried up much further the curtailment of production will be so sharp and widespread as to defeat the efforts of the bulls. It still remains true, however, that the general sentiment is bullish, and rightly or wrongly, the conviction is growing that some further advance is unavoidable owing to the confidence if short crops in both America and Egypt at a time when trade especially in this country is reviving after the panic of 1907-08. They look for prosperous times in 1910. The next acreage, it is true, will be very large, but supplies cannot be materially increased, it is argued, before next October.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION.

Blaze at Home of Hon. F. S. Spruill—Water Tank Bursts.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 31.—Originating either from a poping fire or the burning wood's rolling on the floor, considerable damage was done by a blaze in the parlor at the residence of Hon. F. S. Spruill last night about 8 o'clock. The fire was burning rapidly when discovered by the occupants in another part of the house. Considerable damage was done to the furnishings by smoke and water. But for the prompt response by the fire Department the entire residence would have been destroyed.

An accident likely to occur in most any household during a cold snap but fraught with less real damage than usual, was the explosion this morning of the water tank of the range at the home of Mr. W. W. Gupton, on Main street. Mrs. Gupton was busy getting breakfast but had stepped out of the kitchen a few moments, returning upon report of the terrific explosion which shook the house to find that the range had been blown into a hundred pieces, and things scattered in every direction, while the sash were blown from the windows. A house cat sleeping in the kitchen by the warm fire, was instantly killed. Mrs. Gupton escaping by having left the room for the moment. A large hole was blown in the kitchen wall. The cause was the freezing of the coils in the stove and the generation of steam when the fire was built in the stove.

Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

FATAL WRECK OF PASSENGER TRAIN

Three Persons Killed and 45 Injured at Trenton, Mo., Yesterday.

VICTIMS PARTIALLY BURNED

Fast Rock Island Train Plunged Over Embankment and Fire Hindered the Escape of Passengers—Severe Weather.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three persons were killed and 45 injured today by the derailment and partial burning of a westbound Rock Island passenger train south of Trenton, which probably was caused by spreading rails. While the train was running at a high speed the locomotive and tender plunged over a five foot embankment, dragging two baggage cars, a mail car, a tourist car and a standard sleeping car with them.

While passengers in the wrecked cars were struggling to escape from the debris fire started from the fire box. The splintered cars burned rapidly and the three slain passengers were partly burned. Scores of persons were rescued as the flames were scorching their clothing or burning their flesh.

David Siegel, of Cleveland, Ohio, was held by the wreckage for an hour while the fire burned within a few feet of him, but was eventually rescued, although he may lose an arm.

Heroic rescues were numerous. Men and women who escaped unharmed rushed into the burning wreckage to rescue the less fortunate passengers.

The ground was covered with snow and a raw wind was blowing. The men collected coals and protected the women, and women tore strips from their linen to make bandages for the wounded.

For hours the burning cars kept frost bites away until a relief train arrived.

The most seriously injured were taken to Trenton, while the other passengers were taken to Kansas City, Mo. The greatest havoc was wrought in the chair car. It was in the debris that the bodies of the two women were found. Conductor David A. Clemens owes his life to the fact that he was in the baggage car when the wreck occurred. He was hurled through an opening to safety. He was severely injured.

FARMAN WINS AERO CUP.

Englishman Wins Honors in Paris After a Keen Struggle.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Michelin cup for duration and distance covered in the air during 1909 goes to Henry Farman, the English aeronaut, who on November 3rd established a since unbeaten record of 144 miles in four hours, 17 minutes and 35 seconds. A keen struggle for the prize ended at sundown.

Yesterday M. Delagrange made 124 miles in two hours and 36 minutes. Latham also tried to beat Farman's record and the competition was made today arousing great interest.

The flight of 200 kilometres (124 miles) in two hours, 32 seconds yesterday at Rheims by M. Delagrange, was the nearest approach to Farman's record.

At Mournelon Legrand today Hubert Latham, M. Leganeux, Farman and the Englishman Singer had their machines tuned up for a supreme test and engaged in a spectacular contest. Latham had poor luck, his motor failed him at 14 miles and on later attempts acting badly after short spins.

Leganeux and Singer also were able to make only short distances. This left Farman the master of the aerodrome and he flew 82 miles in two hours, and, seeing that his record has not been equalled, he voluntarily descended.

At Pau, M. LeBlanc won the archdeacon cup, which was held by the late Captain Forber, who was killed by a fall from his aeroplane at Boulogne in September. The Michelin trophy is given by M. Michelin, a wealthy member of the Aero Club of France, and consists of a beautiful prize and $32,000 to be competed for during a period of eight years. Each year the trophy and $4,000 or one-eighth of the cash prize goes to the aviator making the longest flight in that year. The trophy was offered first in 1908 and was won by Wilbur Wright with a mark of 76.5 miles made in France in competition with Farman and others.

THREE DEATHS FROM COLD.

Two Negroes Frozen and One Burned to Death at Andersonville.

Andersonville, Ga., Dec. 31.—Three negro women have died as the result of the extreme cold weather of the last few days in this county. Katie Dinkins was burned to death last night in her cabin where she had built a large fire which she neglected to watch. Hester Williams and Mary Jones are reported to have frozen to death in their cabins about four miles from here on Wednesday night.

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SPENCER TRASK WAS KILLED

Well Known New York Banker Crushed to Death in His Private Car on New York Central Passenger and Porter Injured.

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, the head of a firm of bankers, which for many years acted as fiscal agent of the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death in his private compartment today while returning to New York from Yeddo, his country place at Saratoga.

Mr. Trask's compartment was at the rear of the last car, a sleeper. The train, known as the Montreal express, halted near Croton, N. Y., and was supposedly protected from the rear by the block signal system, but it had hardly come to a rest when a heavy freight struck it from behind with great force. The rear of Mr. Trask's car was battered in and the front end of it telescoped with the sleeping car ahead.

The accident occurred near Croton, N. Y. One other passenger was so seriously injured that he could not give his name, and the negro porter also was badly hurt.

Mr. Trask was dressing when the freight train ploughed into his train, and his torn body was removed from the wreckage.

The express had been stopped by a block signal and why the freight behind it was not stopped has not been explained. The freight struck with such force that it demolished the rear end of the last sleeper.

Many of the occupants of the five sleepers had not fully dressed and they were precipitated, half clad, into the snow banks with the temperature far below freezing.

Wrecking and relief trains were despatched to the scene of the wreck. Mr. Trask's body was removed to the Croton morgue and the injured passengers and porter were cared for by physicians.

The accident caused traffic to be delayed for more than two hours.

Passengers declared that the rear brakeman had not gone back to display a danger signal when the passenger train came to a stop. The weather was clear and the block signals were working accurately, the company reports.

TWO BANDITS KILLED.

Five Men Attempted to Rob Postoffice and Bank at Hurrah, Okla.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 31.—Five men who intended to rob the bank and the postoffice at Harrah, Okla., early today ran into a party headed by U. S. Marshal "Jack" Abernethy. As a result two of the bandits are dead, one is in jail at Guthrie wounded and two others are held in jail at Oklahoma City as suspects.

Frank Quigg, of Atchison, Kans., and son of a wealthy farmer, a baseball player, was shot dead; Frank Carpenter, another robber, was mortally wounded and died late today in jail, and J. C. Dilbeck, a third bandit, was slightly hurt, during the fight with the deputy marshals.

The robbery was well planned, but Carpenter told someone of the plot and postoffice inspectors learned of the affair. Marshal Abernethy was advised and when the robbers reached Harrah he was ready for them. The officers waited until the robbers began breaking in the rear door of the bank and then charged. The robbers ran and the deputies fired, wounding Carpenter and Dilbeck at the first volley.

Carpenter, in an antemortem statement said that "Red" Rogers and Pearl Wilson were the men that escaped. He and his associates had, he said, recently robbed the Golden, Colo. postoffice of $3,000.

Dilbeck said that Rogers and Wilson were on top of the bank at the time of the raid, keeping watch, and thus escaped the bullets and fled from town after the fight.

Quiggs' brother George was a member of Roosevelt's rough riders in the Cuban war, and died in the National Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kans. a year ago.

OUTLINES.

Startling stories of cruelty in the Atlanta city prison were told yesterday by a guard who resigned on account of the fearful conditions and who was before the committee investigating the charges against the superintendent——Three persons were killed and 45 injured in the wreck of a Rock Island passenger train at Trenton, Mo. The debris caught fire and many of the injured had narrow escapes——Spencer Trask, a New York banker, was crushed to death in his car on the New York Central yesterday——The damage to the fruit crop in Florida as a result of the freezing weather, was very slight, 75 per cent. of the oranges having been marketed. ——The past week has been an active one on the cotton market, with higher prices for cotton and a better demand for the staple——Three hundred feet of a bridge over the Mississippi river was wrecked by ice yesterday and 60 men had narrow escapes from drowning.——New York markets: Money on call firm 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 6, closing bid 5 1-4, offered at 5 3-4. Cotton spot closed quiet, five points lower, middling uplands 16.10; middling gulf 16.35. Flour dull. Wheat spot firm, No. 2 red 1.28 elevator domestic, and 1.27 1-2 f.o.b. afloat, both nominal to arrive. Corn spot firm, No. 2, 71 elevator domestic, 70 1-2 delivered and 69 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Oats spot steady, mixed 47. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm.

INHUMAN CRUELTY IN ATLANTA JAIL

Former Guard Told of Fearful Conditions in The Stockade.

CHAINED WOMAN TO WALL

Valuable Witness Before Council Committee—Charges Directed Against Superintendent—Story of the Conditions.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Further stories of inhuman cruelty to prisoners convicted of misdemeanors were told today to the council committee which is investigating the charges made against the management of the city prison or stockade. Mayor Maddox was an interested listener at the morning session.

Herschel Ivy, a former guard at the stockade, who resigned because of conditions and who had kept a diary of things that happened while he was there, was a valuable witness.

He swore that Mose Johnson, a negro, told Superintendent Vining that he was too ill to work. Vining ordered him whipped. After the whipping the negro collapsed and was sent to a hospital where he died a week later.

He saw the young white girl, Ruby Gaither, chained to the wall by her hands until she fainted. Ruby swore that she did not know how long she was left hanging after she fainted Ivy supplied the information. He said she was left there unconscious for 30 minutes. He held up her limp body while Vining removed the shackles and said she went into convulsions and frothed at the mouth. White women, he declared, were fed from scraps picked up from the floor of the men's mess hall. The floor is of dirt, and witnesses swore that the water closets were in this room and that there was filth a foot thick on it, the stench from which was unbearable.

Ivy said that there were a hundred hens kept at the prison and that the eggs were gathered each day by Commissioner of Public Works Collier, who took them away with him.

A strap said by the defense to be the strap used to whip prisoners, was shown. Members of the grand jury and other witnesses said it was not the one they saw, that the real one was studded with rivets. The officials admitted this and offered to produce the strap later.

Ivy, after a luncheon recess, swore that 12 quarts of whiskey at a time were sent to the stockade, addressed to T. D. Shaw, a policeman, who sat in the room in full uniform. It was distributed to the guards and employes. He swore, further, that a guard and five prisoners were put to work picking beans for the daughter of Commissioner of Public Works Collier.

After hearing two witnesses, who had served terms at the stockade and who told stories similar to those heard before, the meeting was adjourned until New Year's Day.

DISTILLERIES CLOSED

Law Goes Into Effect in Tennessee. Overt Act Expected.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—The law passed by the last Legislature prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee went into effect at midnight. Forty-one distilleries and five big breweries are affected and all announced a suspension of operations with the close of the business day. It is conceded, however, that some one of them will commit a deliberate overt act for the purpose of testing the statute.

One whiskey plant with headquarters here closed down its distilleries during the day, finding its big warehouses full and in a position to supply its trade outside the state for a long time to come. Other plants here and contiguous closed with full stocks. One of the largest distilleries in the State announces that it has an immense supply of whiskey on hand, and that the price hereafter will be $1 a gallon more than heretofore. They explain the advance by saying that employes who are heads of families will be kept on their pay rolls. The amount expended annually in the manufacture and handling of this one brand of whiskey is estimated at half million dollars. The apple brandy warehouse in the State is a department of this plant and was also closed today.

The breweries it is said will devote their attention to the manufacture of soft drinks.

GREATER BIRMINGHAM.

Ten Incorporated Suburbs Now Part of City—135,000 People.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1.—At the stroke of midnight ten incorporated suburbs of Birmingham and a large amount of unincorporated territory automatically became a part of the city of Birmingham, giving the city an estimated population of 135,000. The Supreme Court recently sustained the act creating Greater Birmingham and today the area of the new city is slightly in excess of 42 square miles.

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DAMAGE IN FLORIDA SLIGHT

Freezing Weather Not so Disastrous as Feared—75 Per Cent. of Orange Crop Marketed—Warmer Weather.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—The temperature has risen today generally all over the State from 10 to 30 degrees and no further menace is anticipated. A fair estimate of the damage done places it far below what was feared might result from a long continuance of low temperatures.

More than half, probably 75 per cent. of Florida's orange and grape fruit crop is raised south of an east and west line running through Tampa and of this 80 to 90 per cent. has been marketed. What remained on the trees was not damaged by the lowest temperature recorded in this section, 28 degrees above zero. What early vegetables had been planted were chiled, but it is not believed they were killed entirely and the loss will be easily remedied by re-planting. In fact, the injury to vegetation in the Tampa section will amount to almost nothing.

Myron E. Gillette, general manager of the Florida Citrus Exchange, is authority for the statement based upon reports from every part of south Florida that the damage will be confined entirely to young and tender vegetation and that owing to the early date of the cold wave, this will be small and will be offset entirely by re-planting.

Owing to the fact that following the freeze of 1895 the renewal of orange groves was largely in South Florida, the amount of damage done then will never be repeated in the State.

In the Central and Northern parts of the State temperatures Thursday morning were from five to 10 degrees lower than at Tampa. Twenty at Jacksonville and 18 at St. Augustine. 22 at Sanford and the same at Palatka were some of the records reported.

Early vegetables had not been planted extensively in these sections and only such growths as lettuce and celery were in the ground, excepting in isolated instances. These vegetables being able to withstand much greater extremes of temperature have not been damaged appreciably and the adaptability of middle and north Florida to these extensive interests has been proven again.

Fruit and vegetable growers anticipate a beneficial result from the killing of insect pests.

MOVEMENT OF COTTON CROP.

Hester's Statement Shows 7,110,437 Bales for Four Months of Season.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hester's cotton statement issued today covers the monthly movement to December 31st and the movement since September 1st to date.

The total for December was 1,308,096 bales against 2,364,130 last year and 2,090,939 year before last. The amount of the crop brought into sight for the four months from September to December, inclusive, is 1,600,000 bales under last year and 400,000 over the year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports to be 5,064,057 bales against 6,330,383 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 426,198 against 664,896 last year. Southern mill takings exclusive of consumption at Southern outports 937,000 bales against 943,000 last year, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 483,182 bales against 772,560 last year.

The total movement of the cotton crop brought into sight during the four months ending with the close of December was 7,110,437 bales against 8,710,839 last year.

Foreign exports for the four months of the season have been 3,703,760 bales, showing a decrease under last season of 938,253. The decrease in foreign exports during December compared with December last year has been 822,753.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior markets at the close of December were 1,552,310 bales against 1,948,547 the same date last year.

Including port and interior stocks left over from the previous season and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the four months supply has been 7,362,753 against 8,992,186 last year.

Up to the close of December last year 63.01 per cent. of the cotton crop had been marketed.

The movement into sight during the the past week has been 245,639 bales against 439,464 for the seven days ending December 31st last year, and 447,048 year before last.

NEW MILL FOR COLUMBIA.

Glencoe Mills Company Granted Charter in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—The Secretary of State today issued to the Glencoe Mills Company a charter, with a capital stock of $100,000. T. H. Wannamaker, of Orangeburg, is president; G. M. Berry, of Columbia, is vice president, and T. H. Wannamaker, Jr., of Orangeburg, is secretary.

The Glencoe Mill will be established in Columbia and will manufacture twine.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—Receivers for the Birmingham Coal & Iron Company, who have been in charge of the property for several months, were today discharged in the Federal Court, the creditors being paid dollar for dollar. This was the only large concern in the Birmingham district which failed during the year.

THE INSURGENTS MAKING MERRY

Conditions in Nicaragua Described in Belated Dispatch Just Received.

SOME CHRISTMAS SCENES

General Estrada the Hero of Bluefields—Americans Minister to Suffering—Outlook For New Year—The United States.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 25 (Via New Orleans, Dec. 31.)—Victory was officially celebrated in Bluefields on Christmas eve. Bands player for hours in front of Gen. Estrada's residence, where the provisional president received the leaders of his army, who had brought victory to the insurgent flag. The two cafes of which the town boasts were busy late in the night with people drinking toasts of "Viva Presidente Estrada" and "Viva Republic." The streets were crowded with men, women and boys, who shouted loud and long for Estrada and the victorious troops. Every one had fireworks which maintained a meteoric shower.

Commander Shipley, with the aid of the officers and crew of the cruiser Des Moines, served Christmas dinner, consisting of soup, vegetables in profusion, to the prisoners, which included 300 women, who had followed their husbands into the trenches. The prisoners repeatedly asked for more food, which was promptly supplied, and grateful faces repaid the sailors for their work. The rations, it is hoped, will last until the Red Cross relief ship arrives.

The holiday period is officially believed to be one of waiting. The old query of "Has Washington recognized Estrada" is on every lip. While the majority of the provisional army is still at Rama and Recrea, several scouting parties are doing guard duty west of Rama, in order to avert any possible surprise from the government forces under General Vasquez, who is rumored to be advancing toward Rama. This rumor, however, is not credited, as the prisoners declared the roads west are in such horrible condition that they would rather have been killed in the trenches than attempted to retreat. The scouts confirm this report, hence, while no danger from the new army seems likely, it is also improbable that the movement on Managua will be started for some time if ever. It is generally conceded that Estrada has won a great victory as he now controls absolutely the territory in which originates 70 per cent. of the country's revenue.

The Associated Press dispatches from Managua and Corinto are regarded as tantamount to official here and these seem to indicate that Estrada needs but to wait till ultimately the west coast realizes he is unbeatable, when he will be invited to take the presidency. Optimists declare that a fortnight will be sufficient to accomplish this, while others are more conservative on account of the fact that news reaching here of events, taking place in the western part of the republic is a week old.

Eighty-two serious operations have been performed in the American hospital without a single death, although many of the patients are not yet out of danger.

HONOR JUDGE BYNUM.

Greensboro to Send Delegation to Charlotte Today.

Greensboro, Dec. 31.—At a largely attended meeting of the Greensboro Bar held in the United States court room here this morning a delegation was selected to attend the funeral of Judge Bynum in Charlotte. Judge Boyd, chairman, named a committee of five to draft resolutions expression of sentiment of the bar at the loss of Judge Bynum, and to report at the January term of Guilford Superior court and the coming term of the United States court.

The funeral of ex-Judge Bynum will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at St. Peter's Episcopal church in Charlotte. Rev. Harris Mallinkrodt, rector of the church, will conduct the services. The pall-bearers will be Rev. E. A. Osborne, Judge A. Burwell and Messrs. J. S. Myers, G. E. Wilson, C. W. Tillett and J. T. Orr. All of Judge Bynum's immediate family are in Charlotte. Mrs. William P. Bynum, widow of Judge Bynum's only son, and daughters, Mrs. E. B. Justice, Mrs. Archibald Henderson, of Chapel Hill; Misses Susie and Mary Bynum; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bynum, of Fletcher.

SEABOARD SCHEDULE.

Improvement Wanted in Service Between Charlotte and Monroe.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 31.—Nearly 1,000 petitioners have signed their names to the request thas is being directed to the Seaboard officials for better service between Charlotte and Monroe. They ask that the morning train from Rutherfordton be continued to Monroe and return in the afternoon at a reasonable hour. Just what disposition will be made of the matter by the railroad authorities remains to be seen as they claim another train would not pay.

The C. W. Polvogt Company will keep open until 1 o'clock New Year's. **

The Theatre

One of the largest audiences of the week was at the Academy last night and witnessed a fine performance by the Four Pickerts and their splendid company. It was the best performance of the company's repertoire and the audience was most appreciative in its applause. The cast did fine work, the Misses Pickert all giving excellent portrayals of the roles entrusted to them, while Mr. Val Cleary, who is a young actor of much ability and attractive stage presence, and Mr. Clint Dobson, who is a clever comedian, were especially good. All the specialties were fine and much enjoyed.

The Pickerts and the Academy will celebrate News Years in royal style today and will present two performances. At matinee this afternoon, when the bill will be the well known success, "A Child of the Streets," with dainty little Blanche Pickert in the title role, a special New Year's performance will be given and the prices will be 10 and 20 cents. Tonight the company will bring its successful engagement to a close with one of its strongest plays, the well known drama "Nevada."

At both performances today a new vaudeville programme will be presented.

An unexpected, but delightful specialty was added to the performance last night in the appearance of "Judge" Bornemann, who is a personal friend of the Pickert family. He took the house by storm with his novel musical act and received several thunderous encores.

Miss Lillian Russell Coming.

Lillian Russell will be seen at the Academy next Thursday night, January 6th, in her comedy hit, "The First Night." The piece was adapted from the German by George V. Hobart and has made the genuine hit of a year that has been noted for the farce successes brought out.

Miss Russell has surrounded herself with an exceptionally strong company and this coupled with her wonderful personality and the natural strength of the Hobart comedy has made her venture the big go that it developed into.

What there is of plot to this comedy which borders upon the farcical through and through, depends upon the efforts of a young wife to have her comic opera staged. She had to write it in secret owing to her husband's opposition to the stage. A poet who is too timid to appear in his true colors, wrote the book and lyrics. The composer and author are thrown together in a way that arouses the jealousy of the husband and the suspicions of friends and observers. They get into all sorts of silly mix-ups and their discomfiture to the audience is an unending source of laughter.

Lillian Russell is perfectly at home in the comic opera atmosphere of the piece and she makes the leading character stand out all the more distinctly because of her familiarity with the locale of the greater part of its action. Naturally things are easily adjusted in the end but before that time is reached "The First Night" is what is termed a scream in present day expressions.

The fair Lillian is as stunning to look upon as ever and she will embellish her production with gowns that are wonders. She will also have the support of an unusually strong company that includes such well known people as Digby Bell, Julius McVicker, Albert Andruss, Sydney Booth, Geo. E. Mack, Ben Turbett, Susanne Westford, Millicent Evans, Leonora Oakford, and Saidee Williams.

Seats will go on sale at the Crystal Palace Wednesday.

At the Bijou Today.

The management of the Bijou has an attractive bill to offer their New Year's patrons. "Taft at the Ball Game at Chicago," and "Pet of the Big Horn Ranch" are the titles of the pictures. The former will prove especially pleasing and interesting to the numerous fans hereabouts. The latter is a Western picture that will make one sit up and take notice.

REV. AND MRS. KEGLEY HERE.

Arrived Yesterday to Spend Part of the New Year Holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. W. Kegley arrived in the city yesterday and are the guests of their brother, Mr. W. W. Koch, No. 320 Chesnut street. It was during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Kegley that St. Matthew's English Lutheran congregation grew from a very small church to the firm and up-to-date property, on North Fourth street, consisting of a beautiful house of worship, a very fine Sunday School building with all modern equipments and also a very pretty and convenient parsonage. The congregation has not failed to appreciate the faithful services of Rev. Mr. Kegley and Mrs. Kegley, who was very active in every department of church work. The congregation gave to Mr. Kegley a vacation of from four to six weeks every year. Thus they traveled extensively over the States of the Union and also in Europe and in Canada. The congregation has great pleasure in having him here again and it is Rev. and Mrs. Kegley's real delight to be with their former friends for a few weeks. Mr. Kegley is at present the missionary of the United Synod for the Pocahontas coal fields and is stationed at Bluefield, W. Va. He is serving in Bluefield, Graham and stations of the coal fields and is having great success in advancing the Kingdom of the Master. He hopes to have a fine, new church building in Bluefield very soon, a very large sum having been already raised for this purpose.

Rev. and Mrs. Kegley came to Wilmington from Newbern where they have been spending the holidays and where Mr. Kegley had the rare pleasure of meeting with one of the great missionaries of his church, recently returned from a long work in India.

Happy New Year to All.

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The C. W. Polvogt Company will keep open until 1 o'clock New Year's. **

DEATH AT LITTLE RIVER.

Mr. L. H. Randall, Prominent Merchant, Passes Away.

Word reached the city yesterday of the death of Mr. L. H. Randall, at his home at Little River Thursday morning. A complication of diseases was the cause of death. Mr. Randall was a big merchant of the Little River section and had numerous friends in Wilmington with whom he had extensive business dealings. He was 54 years old and is survived by a wife and several children. The funeral services were held at Little River yesterday.

Steamers With Fertilizers.

Within the next few days two or more steamers are expected to arrive in port with fertilizer constituents from Hamburg, four having sailed for this port from the latter place during December. The steamers are the Mariner, Phoenix, Secelia, and Wilier. The first left Hamburg on the 7th of December and the others sailed between that date and the 25th. The steamers will be among the largest to visit the port this season.

Funeral of Little Daughter.

The funeral of Annie Marie Fuchs, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. H. Fuchs, whose sad death occ- Church. There was a large assemfrom the family residence, 411 South Second street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There was a alrge assemblage of relatives and friends present. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Darroh to Mooresville.

Mr. Frank Darroh, who for some time has held a position in the office of the auditor of freight receipts of the Coast Line, left yesterday for Mooresville, N. C., where he will take a position with a bank of that town. He enters upon his new duties today. Mr. Darroh is an energetic young man who made many friends in Wilmington.

Shoemaker's Annual Calendar.

The splendid business calendar issued annually by J. L. Shoemaker & Co., the well known dealers in book binders' material of Philadelphia, was received yesterday at the Star office. The Shoemaker house is one of the oldest in the country and its attractive calendars are always among the best of the season.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Rev. Father Nicholas S. Simon, a native of France, for the past 40 years pastor of the Saint Francis de Sales Catholic church, in this city, died today, aged 87 years. Death was due indirectly to erysipelas.

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ICE WRECKED BRIDGE.

300 Feet of Structure Knocked Into River—Many Narrow Escapes.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Three hundred feet of the false structure of the McKinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river, was knocked out by an ice jam this evening. Sixty men were thrown into the river and some of them may have been drowned.

One hundred and thirty men were at work on the structure. Seventy of them received warning in time to escape, but 60 fell.

Capt. John Short, in charge of a tug and two barges, rescued 40 of the men after a two hours' struggle with the ice. Two men were unable to reach the tug and are believed to have reached land in safety. The damage is estimated at $250,000.

MORSE TO PRISON TODAY.

Convicted Banker Will be Carried to Atlanta, Accompanied by Family.

New York, Dec. 31.—Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, will, in all probability be on his way to the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., before noon on New Year's day. Mrs. Morse and the prisoner's two sons probably will accompany him.

There was no application for a writ of error in behalf of Mr. Morse by his counsel today, although the times for such action expired at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was understood that Martin W. Littleton, after a long interview with his client impressed upon him today the futility of further attempt to stave off the inevitable. Efforts will be made to avoid publicity in the departure.

COLD WAVE BROKEN

General Moderation All Over the South Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The extreme cold spell which gripped almost the entire East and South is on the verge of being broken.

According to the government forecast, by tonight the temperature will have greatly moderated

"Warmer tonight and Saturday," is the general prediction for the two sections.

The cold wave in the South continued today.

In Florida, the temperature was below freezing this morning, but the forecaster predicted a moderation before night.

HUMAN HEAD IN BUCKET

Caused Excitement in Office Building in Atlanta Yesterday.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—The finding of a human head in a bucket in the basement of an office building here today created much excitment and the police at first thought they had on their hands a murder mystery.

It developed that the head had been used in one of the medical offices in the building and had been used given to the janitor with orders that it be buried.

WARM WIRELETS.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 31.—Twenty-nine valuable breed mares were burned to death when the barn on the Patchen Wilkes farm, owned by W. E. D. Stokes, of New York, was destroyed. The loss was $45,000.

New York, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made that by today the strike of 40,000 girl shirtwaist makers will be over, and the girls, who have gone hungry and faced prison cells for their principles, will be victorious.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31.—The Norfolk and Southern Railway today made Virgin Walker superintendent of its Pamlico, Raleigh and Beaufort divisions with headquarters at Newbern, N. C., vice R. P. Foster, resigned.

Breaking the Fast In Ramazan.

The Arabs say Ramadan; the Persians and Turks say Ramazan. They all observe throughout the month a species of fast that has no precise counterpart in the west. So long as the sun is in the sky food or drink of any kind may not pass the true believer's lips. He is not even allowed the sweet solace of a cigarette. But from the firing of the sunset guns until it is light enough to distinguish a black hair from a white he may feast to surfeiting. Watchmen will patrol the streets with drums to warn him that his moments of grace are numbered, and cannon once more announce their end.

Nothing is more characteristic of late afternoons in Ramazan than the preparations for the evening meal which preoccupy all Moslems, particularly those who work with their hands. As the sun nears the horizon fires are lighted, tables are spread, bread is broken, water is poured out, cigarettes are rolled, and hands are lifted halfway to the mouth in expectation of the signal that gives liberty to eat. This breaking of the daytime fast is called iftar and is an institution in itself. To be invited to iftar is a particular mark of friendship.—Scribner's Magazine.

A Pet Anyhow.

The family lived in the suburbs of the city, and, much to the joy of Lulu, a little pig was given a home in the stable cellar. A few days later the little one was calling at a neighbor's, where she showed great interest in the bird.

The lady said, "Don't you keep a bird at home?"

"No," said Lulu, "we keep a pig instead."—Delineator.

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A Woman's Age? Forget It.

Man has no right to question woman's age—to even think about it. A woman, bless her, is as old as she makes out or makes up and not a day older. Man is out of his latitude when he begins trying to locate woman's age longitude. It is her privilege to conceal her age in any form or manner she may choose, and it is man's prerogative to assist her as much as possible rather than hinder or question her in any way. Man owes it to himself to see that she is supplied with every means of concealing her age or any new wrinkle which she chooses to keep from the gaze of the overcurious public. Man is not supposed to be young or beautiful. He couldn't be if he wanted to be and wouldn't be if he could. With woman it is different. She wants to be and can be and is, whether she wants to be or not, and it is a whole lot better for her and for her admirer or admirers, as the case may be, that her age be carefully guarded under that charming veil of mystery which should ever be hers by right of possession. Forget that she has an age, brother, and you will be happier, and so will she, but don't, for heaven's sake, forget that she has a birthday.—Boston Herald.

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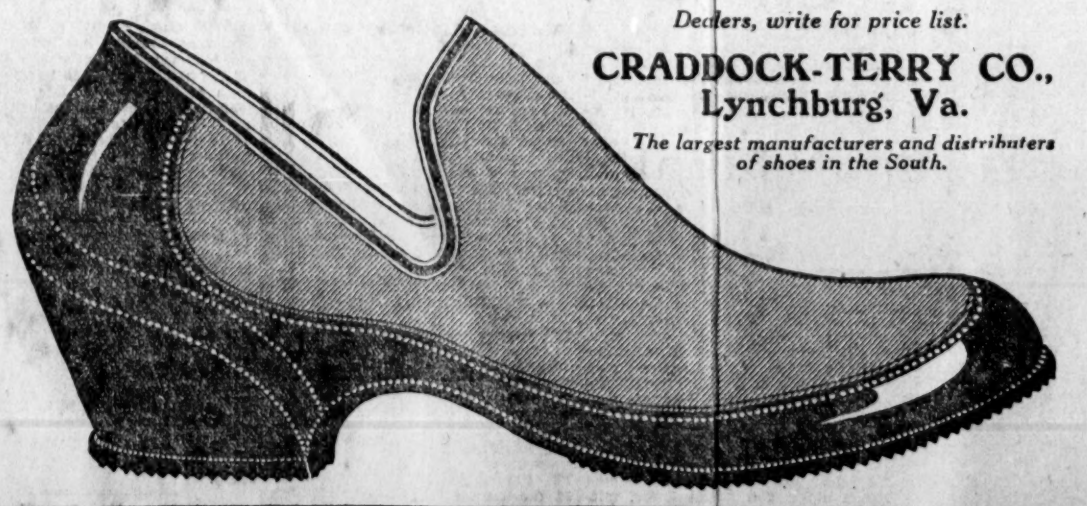

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Heaven at a Bargain.

Fayetteville Observer: Some time Saturday night some miscreant again smashed one of the large front windows of Hege's Curiosity shop on Donaldson street, and this time took two gold plated "7 jewel N. Y. Standard" watches. This is a total of three watches stolen in this manner from this place in the past few days. "It is strange how some people sell heaven for such a trifle" was Mr. Hege's only remark, when he discovered the theft.

COULDN'T STOP WEDDING.

Ancient Veteran and Buxom Widow Elope From Soldier's Home.

(Asheville Citizen.)

Those who recall the presence in this city three years ago of General G. D. Ingram, of Higginsville, Mo., will doubtless remember that he was a keen witted and outspoken gentleman, but genial and pleasant to friends and acquaintances. It appears, however, that the general has been outwitted by little Cupid and an amorous youth of seventy-two who could not resist the charms of a widow of fifty. The following clipping was sent by General Ingram to a friend in this city who handed it to The Citizen yesterday:

"Daniel Cupid, who laughs at locksmiths, also sometimes gives the equine titter to governors, managers of State institutions and such important personages.

"At least he must have been giggling in his sleeveless sleeves at the Confederate Soldiers' Home here all last week over the knowledge that although Governor Hadley, the board of managers and Superintendent J. R. Walton had all forbidden it there was going to be a wedding between two inmates of that institution.

When it was learned that G. V. Simpson, a youth of 72, and Mrs. Kate Yates, a widow of the fifties, planned to be married last Sunday Superintendent Walton called up General G. D. Ingram, president of the board of managers, and Governor Hadley to ask if they deemed such a match desirable. Both replied that they did not and urged him to do everything possible to prevent it. So Captain Walton put a ban on the banns and announced that there must be no wedding last Sunday, and there was none.

It was then believed that the ardent young couple had given up their plans, or at least decided to wait until they were more mature, but with all the hotheadedness of youth they decided to outwit their stern guardians. Friday night they quietly left the home separately and eloped to Corder, a small town near here.

They returned to the home last night, but it was not until this morning that it was known that they had been married. The other gay young spirits at the Home are planning a big charivari for tonight.

When asked today what would be done about the marriage, Captain Walton said: 'The boad must decide that at its next meeting.'

"Mrs. Yates had been a widow only three months."

SCARED CUPID IN ASHEVILLE.

Mountain Swains Figure the Cost and Balk at Matrimony.

(Asheville Citizen.)

Asheville is not a marrying city.

While all over the world wedding bells are pealing and fathers are peeling off their simoleons to pay for church decorations and wedding feasts, Asheville young folks are merely dawdling with love and drinking soda water and eating Christmas fudge.

Register of Deeds Mackey, who looks after the preliminary of issuing marriage licenses is seriously disturbed by the scant showing made by his records this Fall. There have been marriages, to be sure, many of them in fact, but the number of licenses issued is sadly out of proportion to the population of the city and county. While other cities of the size of Asheville are setting up couples at the rate of ten or a dozen a day, Asheville will average probably two or three.

Just what is the reason for this sad state of affairs is hard to say. A would-be groom probably guessed right when he sat down and began to figure up just how he would stand if married. After adding twenty-five per cent. to the cost of meats, 15 per cent to the cost of groceries, about 20 per cent to the cost of his clothes, and he did not know how many per cent. to the cost of hats, but remembered the talk of an increase in the tariff on gloves and hosiery, and then deducting these per cents from the salary he is getting, which has remained as fixed and immovable as the laws of the Medes and the Persians, he ascertained that as a married man he would have to issue bonds yearly against a deficit of between $500 and $800.

For this reason when he bought her a Christmas present he avoided the ring counter.

So after all the tariff is to blame. Uncle Joe Cannon and Senator Aldrich, who were married way back yonder when things were cheap, by their machinations have dammed up the twin rills of love that were hankering to make a river, have put prohibitive duties on Hymen's ties, whether tanned or untanned, and have postponed the next generation until a Democratic Congress can be elected.

STREET CARS FOR HIGH POINT.

One Mile of Track to be Operated by February—Line to Goldsboro.

(High Point Enterprise.

The Enterprise is pleased to see in the city Judge L. H. Hole, of New York, who is president of the North Carolina Public Service Co., and who is here looking after the interests of his company and more particularly in regard to the street car line. The Enterprise called on Judge Hole this morning and asked for an interview with reference to the street car line and we were informed that the company was ready to comply with the requirements of the franchise, which, if we remember correctly, is that they will be operating one mile of track within the city limits by some time in February. This one mile of track is already down and we understand that a car is now being made ready to begin the work at the time specified in the contract.

The Enterprise also took up with Judge Hole the matter of the interurban line and of this he spoke very encouragingly and said of course the Greensboro end of the line would be built first and in answer to a question as to how long he thought it would be before the cars would be running between the two towns, he said that he could not tell exactly, but he hoped it would be in about a year, or at least, he said it would take a year to complete the work and we judge from this answer that the company proposes to begin work within a short time.

The people in High Point and Greensboro and all along the line are very much interested in this project and we hope to see the time come when the two cities will be connected with trolley lines. That it will be a paying investment there can be little question.

STRANGE CUTTING.

Man Goes to Bed; Wakes With Throat and Face Slashed.

(Washington News.)

One of the strangest cutting affairs in the history of the city took place last Sunday night. How it happened and under what circumstances is shrouded in mystery.

Mr. H. J. Tobler, until recently employed by Mr. A. G. Smither as jeweler and engraver, whose native State is Texas, was taken with a severe case of headache. He sought a drug store and purchased a dose of medicine. He then went to the residence of Mrs. M. J. Fowler, East Second street, where he boards. Before retiring he took the medicine. Some time during the night he awoke and found himself lying in a pool of blood, sheet stocking to his face, throat cut in two places, lip split open, side of his face gashed. He found that his room was disaranged and evidences of a struggle on all sides. Mr. Tobler washed the blood from his face and then went back to bed. He did not discover until some time the next day that his throat had been gashed. He went to Dr. John G. Blount, who dressed his wounds.

How it happened Mr. Tabler is unable to state. He states he knew nothing after retiring for the night. The surmise is that he had a convulsion and while this was on him he received his wounds. The occurrence is certainly a peculiar one.

OLD GAME AT OLD BATH.

Ancient Tournament, With Coronation of Queen.

(Washington News.)

The tournament and coronation ball at Bath yesterday was a great occasion for that historic town. As is always the case, the good people of that town and surrounding country proved to be royal entertainers. One of the largest crowds to ever visit Bath was present. It is estimated that over 1,200 folk witnessed the tournament contest. Seven knights took part in the tilting. Below are given the names of the successful knights and the ladies who were honored with their crowns:

Mr. Edward Tarkington, crowned as queen Miss Laura Crawley. Mr. William Woolard, crowned first maid of honor Miss Bessie Ormond. Mr. Fenner Gaylord, second maid Miss Lillian Campbell. Mr. Walter Gibbs, third maid Miss Clara Beckwith.

At night a grand ball was given and the royal set was danced by the queen and her maids. Quite a number of couples were on the floor. It was one of the most delightful dances ever given in old Bath town. It will be long remembered.

FOUR FIRES IN ONE NIGHT.

Charlotte Firemen Have Rough Experience in Freezing Weather.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The fourth fire to occur in Charlotte between 7 and 10:15 o'clock last night wrought damage to the extent of about $500 or $600 on the Yarbrough-Bellinger Company. It burned the flooring and office fixtures of its old office building on the corner of West Third and the Southern Railway. The alarm was turned in almost coincidentally with that for the Jackson terrace fire, the reserves answering this call. The fire heated the timbers under the hearth, ignited these and gradually burned back toward the center of the room. The firemen used chemicals in putting out the blaze. There was also a slight fire on East Seventh street last night, caused somewhat similarly from a fireplace. It was a trying night on Fire Chief Orr and his trusty and husky cohorts who answered five calls to four fires within three hours.

CLUB BANQUET.

Manufacturers of High Point Concluding Arrangements.

(High Point Enterprise.)

The Manufacturers' Club is now making the preliminary arrangements for the annual banquet, which will in all probability be held between the first of February and the first of March. The officers of the club are now in correspondence with some of the distinguished men of the country, who will make addresses on this occasion and in all probability some definite announcement can be made next week. The Manufacturers' Club now numbers nearly 100, almost the maximum number allowed by the constitution and by-laws. The club has mapped out a plan of work which should redound to the advancement of all interests of the community.

Monday, January 3rd.

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Delgado Sunday School	223	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

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WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv	Durham	1:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lv	Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:15 a.m.
Ar	Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar	Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Ar	Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
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	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:32 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

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	51.	53	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:20 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	4:01 am
Ar. Columbia	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm		
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am		
Ar. Memphis	3:30 pm		
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm		
Ar. Cin'ti	4:35 pm		
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
Ar Savannah	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am
Ar. Jacksonville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:30 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

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Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	8:05 PM
11:35 AM	Ar. Fayetteville Lv.	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:00 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62	Daily except Sunday.	Southbound. 63
1:25 PM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar. Newbern Lv.	9:30 AM

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NOT ENOUGH TO CONVICT TRUSTS.

The most conclusive evidence ever obtained in the prosecution of a trust is that which makes up the record in the case of the United States against the American Tobacco Company. It is shown, beyond every sort of reasonable doubt, that this particular combination has since 1890 gradually extended the power of its coalitions until now it is practically a monopolist in every branch of the tobacco business in America. In attaining this end it is shown that it has resorted to almost every conceivable method of destroying competition, of controlling the trade, of unfair and arbitrary and tyrannous methods against all who, directly or indirectly, have attempted to maintain independence of its influence. The brief of Attorney General Wickersham, published yesterday, shows these facts tersely, yet with convincing detail.

There is no question that, in the light of the methods it has pursued, the American Tobacco Company is a "bad trust". The question is in its case, and will be in the case of every similar combination brought to task, what is to be done with the constituent companies, with the vast properties representing the capital of many share and bond holders? In the American Tobacco Company case a receiver is asked; in the case of Standard Oil a dissolution is ordered. Suppose that the government shall be successful in both these suits. Where will be the benefit? In the case of the Tobacco Company the receiver will have to discharge his trust by a sale of the properties. Who can buy them, except the owners in chief of the trust as it now stands? No doubt, in that event, but that there will be tremendous loss in profits to the trust, through the demoralization of its business and its management by men necessarily incompetent by comparison with its present management. No doubt, also, but that at a sale the separate properties would not bring a tithe of their intrinsic value, where now they are earning dividends upon a fictitious value represented by an over-issue of stock based upon the privileges of monopoly. But, as stated above, the purchasers at such sales would doubtless be the present controlling interests in the trust. It would be tantamount to wiping off the slate the individual and innocent stockholders and leaving the powerful and guilty controlling interests to get back their property intact, relieved of the burden of those to whom they have sold shares based on the fictitious value of a concern operating without the pale of the law. The re-organization that would follow would still leave the country its tobacco trust, more careful in the exercise of its policy, perhaps, but none the less effective as a practical monopoly. There would be simply a costly piece of legal legerdemain, and that which had been burned up before the audience would appear as whole as ever, more centered in control, its crimes atoned for, and its future open to further and less clumsy crimes! While in the case of Standard Oil, its dissolution would be scarcely more than a form—a matter of books to be manipulated by an expert accountant sitting on a high stool.

A significant point in the Attorney General's argument is that he for a while leaves the Sherman law to rely upon the common law doctrine inhibitory of monopolies in restraint of trade This was the view taken by Judge Parker at the time he was making the race for President. The result indicated that the country laughed at the view of the noted jurist, preferring that of a Rough Rider statesman, who would rope a trust as he would throw a steer. Now that lawyers in the White House and Cabinet are undertaking the work that Roosevelt began, it is a thoughtful development, if not a confession of weakness, that in the argument before the highest court there is now stressed the doctrine which Judge Parker was abused and ridiculed for relying upon. Everybody at this time concedes that, barring Colonel Bryan, Judge Parker was about the lamest hand at politics that ever essayed the game; but fourteen years at the head of the New York appellate court might have given him credit for a knowledge of law, that seems strangely to have been denied him.

However all this may be, the great question, as we see it, lies in what disposition of the law is to be made in order to the practical control of great combinations of capital. Exercise of iniquitous monopoly must and will be stopped. It cannot be stopped by a policy of waiting for overt acts to be committed against nothing more than a prohibitory and penalizing statute. In such case property rights intervene, the harm has been done, the remedy is no remedy. Society is helped not at all by the arrest and fine of a disorderly character; the remedy consists only in the degree in which the punishment shall prove a deterent of future acts of like sort. In the case of monopolies, they have already done the evil; it is most dubious whether, under the constitution, they can be punished to a further extent than fined and turned free again upon the community.

The amendment of the Sherman law, therefore, so as to change it from a negative to a positive statute, seems to be imperative. With the government on guard such corporations could be made instantly accountable for overstepping the limits laid down for them. Relief would be instant and positive, instead of long delayed and equivocal in the end. At the same time there would be an end of that most foolish of all laws—a statute which prohibits and makes unlawful a thing practically necessary. Such a law does not touch the real evil, in declaring that wrong, which is no evil. Time was when the "trust question" was a vote-getting slogan. It has now become a vital, everyday fact, that must be dealt with from the point of view of statesmanship and patriotism, rather than of politics.

MR. ELWOOD COX: HIS DAY.

Along with the entry of the New Year—time of new talk, new works, and new hopes—comes announcement that the Manufacturers' Club of High Point is preparing its annual banquet, which, as all the well-informed know, each year draws South a number of sagely-spoken gentlemen eminent for their success and generally distinguished for their prosiness. Each year this banquet banquets, continues the talk-fest into the wee sma' hours, gets column upon column of advertising of High Point disseminated among the papers of the South—and plants anew in the breast of J. Elwood Cox the seed of intimacy with greatness and the hope of political, as well as industrial, honor.

All this has been done so often before, that it is a recurrence almost like unto "New Year"—with the exception that whereas each recurring New Year carries with it the certainty of surprises in store and affords the charm of speculation, the recurrence of the banquet is a tale already told except for the names of the speakers and the list of the guests. Mr. Cox doubtless again cherishes the feel of a new dress to an importance worn to shreds by the experiences of the twelve-month gone; everybody is polite, smug, and uninteresting, and the event, after much heralding, is duly proclaimed to have "transpired", and instantly "expires", almost before the indigestion it has caused has been eliminated from the systems of the guests.

This may look to be an unfeeling comment on an event that a vigorous, enterprising town takes with evident seriousness. However, it may be well to discount in the beginning its claim to importance. In some way, laudable as its purpose is set forth to be, the occasion lacks snap. It drags. The speakers come to it in lethargic mood. We do not know why this is except that it be the fact of Mr. Elwood Cox and the long, long thirst that is his. It is not pleasant to look upon a hungry man. There is a deep and uncomfortable personal reproach in the mute appeal of a wistful eye. There is a tragedy more tragic than downright want in the sight of happiness on its knees in tears for the lack of the one thing it craves and cannot get. Mr. Cox we take to be tragic. He has worked. More, he has labored. He has, with commendable persistency, put himself in view of the mighty. He has, with unflinching zeal, written and spoken and said all the necessary things appertaining to the cult of wealth, and sanity, and power. He has set up and hung out a sign reading "Stability; Progress; Economy; Morality". He has been a mighty little Captain, walking with his hands under his coat tails, around and around the big Captains—just like they walk. He has been silent and garrulous by turns. Somehow, it won't work. Somehow, they won't see him. Someway, there remains to him his "day"—a day of honor, and glory, and hope. But who could be merry on such a day as this—the day when, like Judas (no offensive particularity in the comparison) he might call attention to

"How once a year I go,
To cool me on the floe
And Ye take my day of mercy,
If ye take away the sea!"

For a burning ambition a cold water banquet is only one degree removed from a cold douche, but the degree is there—at least so the Honorable Elwood seems to think—and, while wanting somewhat in enthusiasm over the results of the function, we nevertheless declare that it would be a hard cold man indeed that could not wish him joy of his most correct and respectable annual spree.

HEIR OF THE AGES.

The part of a brave philosophy is to look forward to and expect the best. In great measure is it true that what a man thinketh that is he. The defeats in nine cases out of ten are the victories of confidence over doubt. In this most material of all ages, in some respects, is just beginning to dawn the perception of the ultimate victory of the immaterial. To the "hard headed," the "matter-of fact," all the cult of "believe-it-when-I-see it," the expression, "Faith that moves mountains," has been the red rag to ego-mania. Yet but trifling reflection will show that every one of these scoffers takes as his daily and material comfort and convenience the works of a faith beside which the removal of a mountain is as simple as the digging of a ditch by comparison with the construction of an inter-oceanic canal. Readers of this newspaper accept as a matter of course that they are informed in the morning of the condition of a steamer disabled in a winter gale twenty-five miles off Frying Pan shoals. How many of them think of the weight of the senses overcome by the mind that makes it possible for them to blame with reason a paper that fails to record so easily obtainable a fact? A year ago, the report that a man had remained off the earth for ten minutes in a heavier-than-air flying machine met with wide-spread incredulity. Today, the world is impatient in its eagerness to greet the man who shall first achieve an aerial street car. These are but two of the many wonders that, in the womb of nature, need only faith for a safe delivery. The world is on tip-toe. Ask any thoughtful man what he expects: he will answer that he expects so much that he will be astonished at nothing.

It is just there that lies the hope and cheer in this New Year's day. Except to the very young, New Year comes in solemn garb. It marks the continuation of taxes and checks another mile post off the distance to the terminal station of life. It is the third of the popular Trinity of certainties. It comes with a jar and brings a reproach. It is protest day of many drafts and acceptances that have not been taken up. It regards with a suspicious eye the new paper which we offer at ever higher discount. It is critical of the past and dubious about the future. Yet we all must know that our credit is safe with it; that the drafts we draw against next year are going to be honored; and, if we suspect that, the knowledge remains that the next New Year will find in its vaults an increasing permanent deposit of human accomplishment, sufficient to offset the annual charge to profit and loss of unredeemable pledges of human hopes. Here is a bank in which all own stock, forfeitable only when we fail to come forward and ask for it; its dividends payble so long as there is left the courage to sign a man's name to a cheque.

Wherefore, hold a high head; keep a fine courage; draw your drafts in large amount; act like a director, as well as a stockholder. Remember your credit is good, because you are trusting yourself. See that, whatever comes to pass, this year's close shall find you still doing business, still optimistic, still ready to come forward with the rest of the world for another year's extension of the debt that, no matter how successful you may have been, you owe the world, in larger amount as you have taken from the world.

The year 1909? What of it? A few small wars, a few political upheavals. A dead king here; an assassinated ruler yonder. A boisterous President blowing up a panic and killing defenseless animals. An earth-quake or so, a famine or so. Tragedies innumerable, but insignificant. Some hundred millions of births, all of them epochs, all of them nothing of note to humanity, except as among them shall be here and there the little children who shall discover to the world another and another of its secrets and humanities.

On the other hand, flying. On the other hand, the scourges of the human race that are conquered by science or are in the process of being conquered. On the other hand, the slow spread of knowledge, the reverent search for truth, the almost bashful hand of science lifting the veil from where lies the much-enfolded spirit of life itself. On the other hand, the growing adaptation of Pan-Theism from something that found everywhere an idol into a devout and understanding quest for the reasons of God hidden in his Universe. On the other hand, a something in man coming into a spiritual and mental flower as increased analysis forces always with fuller understanding the appreciation of the ultimate divinity of it all. On the other hand, man conquering the material in no spirit of conquest, but in the spirit, rather, of heir to a revelation.

It is one step nearer to these rapidly approximated, but never realized, things that the New Year brings us. Itself the heir of all the ages, how will it use its capital? How will we, who are the trustees of its future, give it place in the countless tablets which have lighted or marred the corridors of time?

The Gompers case does not seem to have much weight with the National Boycott League.

We cannot believe the story that any one could have been so cruel as to fight a duel with Earl Percy.

President Eliot is no doubt a nice old agnostic, but he has reached the garrulous age, all right.

We have often wondered what would happen to the world if the women should go on strike.

It is all very well to refuse to buy from a trust—if you are a farmer. But it remains a fact that the average individual has to buy to live.

It turns out that the new owner of the Philadelphia baseball club is Mrs. Charles Taft, instead of her husband. Now watch out for the suffragette movement to gain an impetus.

Even the way to salvation is subject to a suit for infringement of patent rights, if the decision in the case of the two Salvation Armies is to finally become a precedent.

In undiplomatic language, President Diaz has advised titular President Zelaya to "close his face." The command is effective because President Diaz is not so Republican as to have discarded the gag.

The New York American has been convicted and fined $500 for publishing a libel on John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It never published anything half so bad about that young man as the things he says about himself, when he gets ready to address a Sunday school.

When the Star referred to amenities in Robeson, flying between the Red Springs Citizen and the Maxton Scottish Chief), it took pains to disclaim any partisanship whatever in the controversy, or interest, save that of a bystander. The displeasure of our good friend Brother Harker, of the "Chief", teaches, however, a lesson that ought long since to have been better impressed, to keep out of the rows of friends so long as there are no deadly weapons in sight. We now back off, if not gracefully, with all apologies left is to make, wishing the Scottish Chief in passing, as prosepr-ous a New Yer as the recent admirable evidence of its industry richly entitles it to recive.

WILLIAM PRESTON BYNUM.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Observer's news columns this morning tell the story and tell it well, but something should be said here about William Preston Bynum, a colonel in the Confederate army, a mountain prosecuting officer during the war period and a justice of the State Supreme Court. He has died at his home in Charlotte full of years and honors.

Judge Bynum was well born, well bred and well educated. He showed himself a brave soldier, a brave State's attorney in a trying post, and a lawyer whose ability is one of the traditions of the North Carolina bar. An exceedingly strong judge, he proved himself after leaving the bench no less able as an advocate and a general practioner. In politics he was one of those old time Whigs, who could not brook the Democratic name and doctrine even when, at Governor Graham's sugestion, the name "Democratic" was for a time changed to "Conservative". He was a very great honor to the Republican party of North Carolina, though he took no part in active politics after the first few years following the civil war. In face and integrity of character William Preston Bynum was an ancient Roman. But he showed himself a most kindly and affectionate man in all the social relations of life, and he also loved flowers. Many good deeds will survive him. The William Preston Bynum gymnasium, which he erected at the University of North Carolina in memory of his grandson, chief among them.

A wonderful man has at length been gathered to his fathers. It is well with him now, we feel assured.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"What the Democratic party needs," begins the Washington Herald hopefully, "is not so much leaders as followers." What the Democratic party needs is not so much getting more advice as taking some of that already gotten.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Although the sheriff of Granville county is to be commended for destroying fourteen blockade distilleries in eleven months, he is by no means the champion. Sheriff Haynes of Surry county has put twenty-one stills out of commission in less than a year, and the championship should probably go to him. All officers, whether they destroy few or many, are to be commended for the work.—Winston-Salem Journal.

France's new tariff bill, which passed the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday, is described as "a victory for the high protectionists and the tariff Commission." Our American standpatters must take notice, that the logrolling as of enactment is not at all essential to the protective principle. It is, however, essential to the graft principle; hence, no tariff commission for them.—Charlotte Observer.

A railroad official in high authority on his road writes the State concerning "unjust verdicts," and makes this suggestion: "Would it not be more consistent and satisfactory to the traveling public, the lawyer, if the public service corporations, or common carriers, were made insurers on a basis of what certain per cent of his ticket cost would entitle him to, or buy in a first-class insurance company for the number of hours of his schedule journey counting time from 30 minutes before schedule leaving time of his train until 30 minutes after schedule arriving time at his destination station?—the collection of such insurance sum as he may become, unfortunately, entitled to by accident, to be paid him on the same proof as is required by accident insurance companies, which proofs do not require a lawyer's fee to be paid by the claimant."—Columbia State.

Secretary Knox will go down in history as the discoverer of queer precedents. In insisting upon the right of this government to hale Zelaya before our courts, he cites, as a precedent, the fact that President Lincoln returned to Spain the captain of a slave ship, who was a subject of Spain! But what is needed is a precedent of one power arrogating to itself the right to bring into its courts the head of another independent state.—Columbia State.

A little east of Raleigh, on a farm, are the remains of what used to be the first race track Raleigh had. It was a straight away, a quarter of a mile long. In those days there were no trotters, only running horses, and the "quarter-of-a-mile dash," commonly known then as the "quarter race," was the fashion. There was never much cross country racing in this country. Once and awhile there were, in late years, bets as to what horses could do as trotters, and a sheriff of this county laid a large wager that he could drive his trotter from here to Fayetteville and back in a day. He did this and won the bet and a big supper, too. When he reached Fayetteville he gave his horse a very large drink of the finest French brandy, gave him another when half way back to Raleigh and the third when he reached here. The sheriff said the horse was as game as ever the next day. The writer heard him tell the story to a very jolly company and Mayor Basil C. Manly, who was present, said every word of it was true. The distance is 125 miles and the road sandy much of the way. A light sulky was the vehicle used.—Col. Olds in Charlotte Observer.

The other day we spoke of the great difficulty of eliminating all railroad accidents. Probably defective material or weakness brought about by wear and tear will always be danger spots as long as railroads are run. But that railroads can do a great deal to reduce risk to life and limb, and have usually done much less than they should, is as well understood as any thing could be. Just how the toll of injury and death can be cut down is shown vividly by figures in the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, illustrating the gratifying results of the safety appliance law In 1908 one man in every 349 employed in coupling and uncoupling cars was killed; in 1908 only one man in every 982 was killed. In 1903 the number of injured was one in eevry 13, while in 1908 it was cut down to one in 62. This shows graphically what the safety appliance law has done in the saving of valuable human lives and the prevention of bereavement and misery. In the light of it the recollection that the roads fought the law and secured postponement of its complete application is not recalled to their credit.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

GENERAL CARR IN ATLANTA.

Was One of Committee to Select Design for Woman's Monument.

(News and Observer.)

General Julian S. Carr left yesterday morning for Atlanta where he will spend a few days with the committee appointed to select a style of Confederate monument. General Carr is to confer with the committee which has in its hands the selection of a style for eleven monuments for as many Southern States. General Walker, of Charleston, is chairman of the committee and the memorial is to women of the Confederacy in the heroic days of '61 and '65. These eleven monuments, one from each State, will be placed in the capital of each State and one therefore comes to Raleigh. General Carr will return the latter part of the week.

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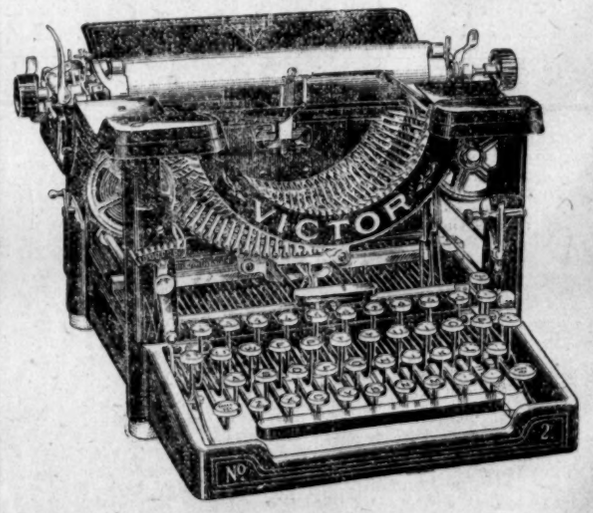

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FELL DEAD AT SISTER'S GRAVE

Mr. Marshall Tatum, Prominent Citizen of Bladen County, Died Suddenly of Heart Trouble Near White Oak Yesterday.

Just as he went to get in his buggy to drive away from the newly made grave of his sister at a graveyard near White Oak yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, Mr. Marshall Tatum, 70 years old, one of Bladen county's most prominent and highly respected citizens took two steps backward, reeled and fell to the ground dead. A physician was summoned and he said that heart trouble was the cause of death.

Mr. Tatum was out to attend the funeral and burial of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Peterson, widow of Mr. Elisha Peterson, and was driving two horses. He was apparently in his usual health. He untied his horses and was in the act of getting in the buggy when friends noticed him suddenly take two steps backward, reel and fall to the ground in a heap. He was picked up immediately but life was already extinct.

Mr. Tatum was an ex-county commissioner of Bladen and always took an active and prominent part in all the affairs of the county. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. J Davis, wife of the Clerk of Superior Court of Bladen county. The information regarding the death of Mr. Tatum under rather peculiar circumstances was brought to the city last night by Mr. J. A. Snow, the popular railway mail clerk on the C. F. & Y. V. road.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7:00 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets, Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor: Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M. Seats free; public cordially invited.

Salvation Army—Hall over the office of the Tidewater Power Company—Sunday School at 11 A. M.; Salvation service at 8 P. M. All are welcome. Ensign and Mrs. Williams, officers in charge.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Divine services tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7:00 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

Christian Church—Preaching morning and evening Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Erwin.

The week of prayer will be observed at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church next week, beginning tomorrow and lasting until Sunday, January 9th.

Advent Christian Church, Fourth and Church streets, Rev. C. H. Sweet, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M., subject, "God's Evergreens." Sunday school at 3 P. M. Preaching at 7:45 P. M., theme, "Retrospective and Prospective." Lord's Supper at 8:30 P. M. The Willing Workers' meet Wednesday at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. All welcome.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday school at 10 A. M. Divine services at 11 A. M. Subject of the sermon, "True Stewards of Divine Mysteries." At 7:30 P. M., subject, "The Joy of the Christian." Services by the Rev. C. B. W. Kegley, of Bluefield, W. Va.

ONSLOW TELEPHONE CO.

Long Distance Line Now Completed—Development of Home Company.

It was announced in this city yesterday that the Onslow Telephone Co., has just completed its long distance telephone line from Jacksonville, N. C., to Wilmington, where it connects with the long distance telephone system of the Southern Bell, the business having heretofore been handled via Newbern and Goldsboro. The development of the Onslow company has been most rapid and splendidly illustrates what a community may accomplish by co-operation. A little more than a year ago the entire telephone development in Onslow consisted of a five-mile grounded line and four telephones at which time this telephone company was organized. With the right kind of men behind it, the system now embraces exchanges at Jacksonville, Richlands and Swannsboro, supplying service to more than 200 subscribers over more than 150 miles of circuit. The company has proceeded along the line that the best is the cheapest and so a contract was made at the outset with the Western Electric Co., for all the apparatus and material needed and as a result the system is second to none of its character. The success of the company is due in large measure to the untiring efforts and splendid judgment of Dr. E. L. Cox, president of the company, while the other enterprising officials are Mr. T. H. Pritchard, vice president; F. W. K. Kellum secretary, and M. M. Capps, treasurer.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Two Residences Badly Damaged Last Night in Southern Part of City.

Just as Chief Schnibben and the laddies of the Wilmington Fire Department were congratulating themselves last night that the freeze passed without serious conflagration, they were called in response to an alarm from box 52 that partially destroyed two residences in the southern part of the city. From some unknown cause, a blaze started in the rear of the four-room dwelling, owned by J. D. Brown and occupied by a Mr. Stock and family, on Queen, between Sixth and Seventh streets, the flames communicating to a new two-story residence recently erected and occupied by Mr. M. Marshburn immediately adjoining. Both were practically destroyed, Mr. Brown's loss being about $500 and Mr. Stock having suffered the loss of a part of his household effects, while the residence of Mr. Marshburn was damaged to the extent of perhaps $1,000. The two first named carried no insurance but it is understood that Mr. Marshburn's loss is partially covered. Mrs. Stock and child had a narrow escape from their home in their night clothing.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

VISITED NEAR-BEER SALOON

Patrolman Suspended From Force for Ten Days—Chief Schnibben Makes Flattering Report as to Fire Losses.

Because he is alleged to have visited near-beer saloons in violation of the rules, Patrolman M. A. Jones was suspended from the force for a period of ten days without pay at a meeting last night of the Police and Fire Commission, Chairman Wm. E. Springer presiding and all members in attendance.

Assistant Chief of Police C. S. Burnett was the first witness examined. He stated that he saw the patrolman enter a near-beer saloon at foot of Grace street on the night of October 20th and stood on the street until he came out. He first saw Mr. Rhodes come out and look up and down the street and in a few seconds the officer joined him. He said that he heard the officer say to Mr. Rhodes, "I am sorry it happened, but the chief did not know about it until about 20 minutes before I did." That was all of the conversation he heard and he did not know what the officer had reference to. In response to a question Chief Burnett said that Mr. Jones had been relieved for the day, but he had on his uniform.

Mr. Dan Cameron had seen Mr. Jones in a near-beer saloon at Fourth and Church streets, but did not recall the dates, giving it as his opinion, however, that it was within 60 days. Mr. W. H. Pridgen had also seen Mr. Jones at the Fourth and Church streets near-beer saloon and like the man who preceded him on the stand did not remember the date. He said that he took a drink of near-beer with the officer at Fourth and Nixon streets about five months ago.

In explaining why he went into the place told about by Assistant Chief Burnett Mr. Jones said that he had borrowed some money from Mr. Rhodes and went in there to pay it. He said that evidently Chief Burnett misunderstood his conversation with Mr. Rhodes as he did not make the statement attributed to him. As to the Fourth and Church streets saloon the officer said that there was a grocery store in the front and he had frequently been in there. He did not remember the Fourth and Nixon street incident spoken of by Mr. Pridgen.

The members of the Commission were satisfied that Officer Jones had been guilty of disregarding the rules of the Commission, but did not consider the offense such a grave one. Upon motion of Captain Barry, seconded by Commissioner French, the officer was suspended for ten days without pay. It was suggested and it met with the approval of the Commission that a repetition of the offense would mean dismissal. However, the suggestion was not put in the form of a motion and voted on.

Fine Report of Chief Schnibben.

At the conclusion of his monthly report Chief Schnibben, of the Fire Department, gave an estimate of the fire losses for the year, which was exceedingly gratifying to members of the commission and will be to citizens generally. He reported that unless the city was visited by a disastrous fire before last midnight the total fire losses for the year would not exceed $20,000. Chief Schnibben estimated the loss the year before from fire at $67,000, a difference in favor of last year of $47,000. Commissioner French mentioned the fact that The Charlotte Observer was boasting a few days ago about a statement made by the chief of the fire department there to the effect that unless that the fates decreed a big fire within a few days the fire loss of that city would not exceed $100,000 for the year 1909. The splendid record of Wilmington becomes more apparent when one takes into consideration the size of the two cities.

The report for the month of December showed that the department responded to 26 alarms, covering a distance of 220 city blocks, laying 3,000 feet of hose, raising 400 feet of ladders and using 325 gallons of chemicals. It was estimated that the total amount of fire losses for the month would not exceed $1,250. The splendid report of Chief Schnibben speaks eloqently of the efficient fire department.

The report of Chief of Police N. J. Williams showed that during December 115 arests were made, 45 whites and 70 colored. The board adjourned at 9:15 o'clock subject to call of the chairman.

THE ARTHUR CROOM CASES

Were Settled in the Recorder's Court Yesterday Morning.

In the Recorder's court yesterday morning the four cases against Arthur Croom, the young white man of Burgaw, were settled and the horse and mortgage he gave as bond were turned over to his father, who paid the amount of the fine and costs in the cases. Croom was charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct, fast driving and resisting arrest. When he failed to appear for trial his bond—a horse and a $75 mortgage—was declared forfeited. His father arrived Thursday and began a successful effort to settle the cases and recover the horse and mortgage. In the case for resisting arrest a fine of $50 and costs was the judgment and in the other cases judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Recorder Furlong has recently given ample evidence of the fact that he has no patience with a man who resists arrest. Ida Brown, colored, who went "koonering" Thursday night, masquerading in men's clothes, became so disorderly in the small hours of the morning she had to be taken in charge by an officer. So yesterday morning she faced the Recorder on a charge of disorderly conduct and required to pay a fine of $5 and costs. The cases against Wm. B. Watson and Mike Bryant, charged with disorderly conduct on a street car and refusing to pay fare, were continued until Monday.

Happy New Year to All.

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PASSING OF THE YEAR 1909

The Turn of the Cycle of Time Proclaimed by Ringing of Bells and Blowing of Whistles—Watch Night Services.

The good old year nineteen hundred and nine at the stroke of 12 last night gave way to the young, and to many promising, year of nineteen hundred and ten. As in former years, watch night services were held in different parts of the city and the beautiful custom of "ringing out the old and ringing in the new" was observed as in days gone by. When the hands of the clock pointed to the fading of the old year, bells began to ring and whistles began to blow in concert and such a chorus had not been heard before in 365 days. The night was starry and cold and the new year, blithe and bold, came up at the appointed minute to assume its own and do with it what no man can foretell.

There is always a certain feeling of sadness with the passing of a year, with its sorrows and its joys, but there is a recompense in the thought that the new one may hold out new joys, new hopes with fewer sorrows. It is a time for taking an inventory of one's self and for planning for better things. The resolutions that many made at the beginning of the last year are many of them broken, the hopes that led them on are many of them buried and some dear friends who started with them at the beginning of the year have many of them gone to that land from whence no traveler has yet returned. Those who are here to face the new year bring with them the lessons from the past and experience, which, though it may be very bitter, is necessary. The year brings new resolutions, continued hopes, new opportunities and new friends. In so far as they can most people will leave out review and retrospection, if they lead to regret, and look at the present, the only time which is ever really theirs, with a clear vision. They will start the New Year with a deep determination to accomplish more for the upbuilding of their city, county, State and Nation, and what if some of these good resolutions are broken before the year has progressed far? There will still be sufficient number left to make the world better and brighter if they are but executed.

January derives its name from Janus, "Father of the Morning," who was held sacred by the Romans. The pious ones prayed to him every morning. Janus is represented sitting on a beaming throne with a scepter in one hand and a key in the other. He is also pictured as having two faces, one youthful and one aged, the one looking forward and the other looking backward, professing to see the past and the future at the turn of the year.

Watch-Night Services.

The watch-night service at the Boys' Brigade Armory was of a particularly interesting and impressive nature and was largely attended especially by young men of the organization. The service proper, which began at 11:19 o'clock was preceded by a short song service. Miss Hattie Gardner presided at the piano and played the accompaniment to the hymns which were sung. The Acme Quartette rendered several selection during the hour, interspersing the splendid addresses. The Quartette is composed of Mr. W. R. Dosher, first tenor; Mr. A. L. Dosher, second tenor; Mr. W. A. McGirt, baritone; Mr. W. B. Muse, basso.

The service was presided over by Col. Walker Taylor, president of the organization, who made a most effective opening address in which he stated that the meeting of the organization during the past year had been the sweetest and best in every way ever held. He said that God had been especially generous to the members, giving them health and strength, for which all felt deeply grateful. To Him he gave all credit for what had been accomplished by the organization during the year. He said that it was appropriate that the organization meet to end the year as it was begun and join in songs of praise and hear His blessed name extolled. Colonel Taylor, in conclusion, wished all a happy and prosperous new year. He announced regretfully that Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster and Rev. W. A. Snyder, who had been asked to be present and make addresses, were unavoidably detained. The general topic of the service was "Is the Young Man Safe?" and it had been divided into five different phases, and to each of the five ministers invited to speak had been assigned one phase. Dr. Milton had sent Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church to fill his place on the programme and as Rev. Mr. Snyder was not represented Mr. Cox was asked to take two subjects. "Is the Young Man Safe From Himself, From His Associations." In beginning Mr. Cox spoke of the two natures of the boy, the one that tells him to stop and look at the monkey and grind organ and the one that tells him to go and attend to his employer's business. The one is pulling him to do something that is mean and discreditable and the other is pulling him to something that will lift him up. Taking up the second phase he said that there were two classes of people, the one is always tearing down—sometimes on the quiet—doing little things and living little, narrow, selfish lives, while the other is always building up, making things better, nobler, happier. He said that one could easily tell with which of the two classes he was drifting. He said that the only thing that would save a young man from his associates was a consecration of one's will; look a situation squarely in the face with a determination to do what the better men would do. One has to mix and mingle with both classes of people, but he should have the power in his bosom to decide which of the two he will follow.

Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, spoke on the phase, "To His Family." He referred in the beginning to the depth of the love the parents have for the child and of their anxiety for his safety. They are interested in his success in a business and social way, but when they hear of his popularity or success deep down in their hearts comes the question "Is the Young Man Safe?" The man who is burning up his life with strong drink is not safe, the man who is wasting his life around the gambling table is not safe, the man who is wasting his life in debauchery is not safe. To be safe he must be pure in heart, have a character that stands for honesty and for the things that are for the right. He also spoke of the young man's duty to live right because of his own future family. In conclusion he said that a young man who failed to stand for honesty and fails to put himself on the side of right in all civic affairs is a traitor.

Dr. Wells was followed by Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church, who spoke of the phase, "To the Church." Mr. Holmes began just a few minutes before the clock struck 12 and concluded 15 minutes later. In the beginning he said that he had been in close touch with the work of the Boys' Brigade for three years and he knew something of the wholesome atmosphere which prevails there. He knew of no organization outside of the church, or even in the church, that was doing more for the morals of the boy than the Boys Brigade. "Is the young man of any organization safe in the church?" he asked. He had never yet heard of a church that was doing for the young men all it ought to do. The church has never done and may never do all that it ought for humanity, but there is no reason why it shouldn't, said the speaker. He said that the young man was never going to be safe in the church until the church was revolutionized as it relates to the young man. The young man should be put in training and kept there for a day that is to come. Then he will be safe in the church to an extent.

After a selection by the Quartette and the singing of the hymn, "We are Marching to Zion," the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Wells.

Supper Followed by Service.

The Brotherhood Bible Class of the First Presbyterian church had a most enjoyable supper in the Anniversary Hall at 9 o'clock followed by a watch-night service in the Sunday School beginning at 11 o'clock. The supper was attended by about 50 members of the class and Mr. W. D. McCaig the president, presided. The principal address was made by Mr. Alex. Yeager, a native of Damascus, who used as theme of his intensely interesting discourse, "Manners and Customs of the Natives" of that country. Several impromptu remarks were made and at 11 o'clock the class adjourned to the Sunday School room. The supper was prepared by the lady friends of the class. Mr. Andrew J. Howell presided over the watch-night service and he made a fine opening address. Rev. J. M. Plowden, pastor of the Delgado Mission, and others made interesting and appropriate short addresses, and when the clock struck 12 all wished one another a Happy New Year. There were about 75 present at the watch service, including a number of ladies.

Other Observances.

Services were held by the Salvation Army in its hall on Front street from 11:30 to 12 o'clock. There were a large number present. The service consisted of scripture reading, address by Mrs. Williams and prayer.

At the Union school house, on the Castle Haynes road, three miles from the city, there gathered some 50 or 60 residents of the community at 11 o'clock to join in a consecration service. It was the first service of the kind ever held in the neighborhood. Addresses were made by Mr. D. Joyner, Mr. W. W. King and Mrs. W. A. Lineker, and short talks were made by a number of others, including several of the young people. When the time for the expiration of the old year arrived the congregation was bowed in earnest prayer. While the clock was striking the school house bell was rung.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Will be Pretty Generally Observed in Wilmington as Holiday.

Today, the first of the new year, 1910, will be pretty generally observed in Wilmington as a holiday. Some of the county offices and other public offices of the city and the banks will be closed, while the postoffice will observe holiday hours. Besides, employes of the Atlantic Coast Line general offices as well as many employes of other firms and corporations will be given a holiday. The mercantile establishments, or most of them anyway, will be opened and expect to transact a large amount of business before the hour of closing tonight.

At the Court House the Sheriff's office will be closed and the office of the clerk of the Superior Court will be open only a portion of the day. But the Register of Deeds office will probably be open all day. Asked yesterday afternoon if he would close today, Register of Deeds Haar said that he did not think he would and added that he did not take much stock in so many holidays. He said that he did not expect a rush of business, but would be on hand to attend to any matters that came up. Col. John D. Taylor, Clerk of Superior Court, stated that he did not think so much of January 1st as a holiday and that if the business of the office required it he would be open all day.

GOES ON PLEASANT MISSION.

Young Hellenian Returns to His Old Home in Greece for Fair Bride.

Having amassed a competency, at least so far as money values go in his country, D. P. Xanthos, a clever and enterprising young Greek who for the past several years has conducted a confectionery business on Market house alley, leaves this morning by rail for New York, whence he will sail in a few days for his old home in Athens. It is a particularly pleasant mission that takes Xanthos to his home across the sea, for he goes to claim as a bride the sweetheart of his boyhood days, whom he has never forgotten for a day during his residence in America. He expects to return to Wilmington about the first of May and will be cordially greeted by many friends whom he has made "on this side."

Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

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MATRIMONIAL BUSINESS.

The Whites Run Ahead of Colored in Month of December.

The number of marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds John Haar for the month of December, just past, was exactly the same as for the corresponding period of the year 1908—thirty-five—the only difference being in the complexion of the applicants. During the month of December in 1908 licenses were issued to 15 whites and 20 colored and for 1909 there were 21 whites and 14 colored. This is taken as an indication that prosperity is a little more general among the whites than the colored this year as well as demonstrating that Cupid has worked somewhat harder among the whites than he did in the same month of the preceding year. The matrimonial business was as good during the holiday season as some expected, but not like the showing made by the Guilford county Register of Deeds, who, according to the papers, issued as many licenses in a single day last week as were issued here in a whole month. Wilmington is ahead of Asheville, however, the Register of Deeds of Buncombe having announced the inactivity of Cupid in that part of the State. Greensboro is a marriage center, couples going there to wed from surrounding counties and many from Virginia. Wilmington is gradually becoming a matrimonial center and during the last month several South Carolina couples plighted their troth in this city. A person in position to know something of the whys and wherefores was asked a few days ago "how come" so many South Carolina couples had come to Wilmington to be married when the knot could be tied in that State with little or no ceremony. He said that he had thought over the matter and had come to the conclusion that it was because South Carolinians are becoming more and more disgusted with the laxity of the Palmetto State law, or rather no law at all, and desired to be married in a State where the law requires the issuance of licenses and recordance of the marriage. And there may be something in his conclusions as thus expressed.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS.

More Than An Eleven Per Cent. Increase During Month of December.

Having a two-fold significance, indicating the continued prosperity and substantial standing of the people as reflected in the ordinary volume of business and in their ability to indulge themselves in holiday giving, the receipts at the Wilmington postoffice for the month of December make quite a creditable showing, an increase of 11 4-5 per cent. over the record business of the same day last year. Last December the receipts were $8,306.60 while this year they climbed to $9,273.38. The figures were officially compiled by Postmaster Thos. E. Wallace at the close of business last night and will be quite gratifying to those who take an interest in the growth and advancement of the city.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Statement of Condition

The Southern National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

January 1st, 1910

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	$ 1,275,286.70
United States Bonds	201,000.00
Premium on Same	None.
First Mortgage Railway Bonds (Par value $20,000.00)	17,375.27
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	627,300.44
	$ 2,125,962.41

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	$ 200,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	44,448.54
*Dividend No. 7 Now Payable	8,000.00
Reserved for Interest	1,500.00
Reserved for Taxes	600.00
Currency in Circulation	200,000.00
Deposits	1,571,413.87
	$ 2,125,962.41

(*$40,000.00 Dividends Previously Paid.)

Beginning less than five years ago and entering a field ably served by its competitors, this bank, without the amalgamation or absorption of other banking interests, presents the above statement of its condition as a greeting to its friends for the New Year.

Believing that its success is largely due to the interested and careful treatment accorded all matters entrusted to it, whether large or small, and that its liberal policy in dealing with the public is appreciated, assurance is given that new connections and new accounts will be cordially received, and that, as usual, the business affairs of its clients will be zealously guarded and confidentially treated in every instance.

In Grateful Appreciatinn of the Patronage of Its Friends and Customers, Our Best Wishes Are Extended for a Prosperous New Year.

MATT J. HEVER, President.
MUGH MacRAE, Vice President.
D. L. GORE, Vice President.

CHAS. N. EVANS, Cashier.
J. W. SIMPSON, Assistant Cashier.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

JANUARY 1st

Todaz zhe day of all zhe days,
Men zhould swear off f'um booze,
An' zhats the very reashon—hic!
I'm minding P's and Q's.

"Free Chairs 'n a Tiger!"

Miss Olive Thompson left yesterday morning for Fayetteville to visit relatives and friends.

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Miss Myrtle McNeill has returned from Lumberton where she spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

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Miss Ida Exall, of Baltimore, Md. is the guest of her friend, Miss Lydia B. Post, 112 North Seventh street.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barker and son, of Baltimore, who have been guests at the home of Mrs. R. C. Merritt, will leave today, returning home.

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Mr. Thos. E. Cooper leaves this morning for Conway, S. C., to join Mrs. Cooper, who has been spending the holidays there. He will return Sunday.

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Alderman B. O. Stone and Messrs. R. R. and J. H. Stone have returned to the city from the old Stone homestead in Brunswick county, where a re-union of the family was held, proving a most happy occasion.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rice delightfully entertained a circle of friends Thursday evening at their home on North Fifth street, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Barker, who are guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Merritt. Various games were indulged in to the pleasure of all and dainty refreshments were served.

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The popular two-step of the evening at the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jacobi in the club rooms of the Harmony Circle Thursday evening in honor of Miss Regina Zunder, of New Haven, Conn., was a new Yale song, "Score for Yale," composed by Mr. Monroe F. Zunder, of New Haven, Conn.

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The Howard Relief Club will give its annual New Year's Ball Monday night, January 3rd, in its handsome club rooms, corner Front and Orange streets. A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the event which promises to be exceedingly pleasurable to the members. The music will be furnished by the Hollowbush Orchestra.

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At the home of their aunt, Mrs. Martin, 420 South Front street, yesterday afternoon Misses Julia Owen and Edith Pritchard entertained most charmingly a number of young people in honor of Miss Adele Cotton, of Kentucky. There were present a large number of the young ladies who have attended Hollins Institute. All present had a most delightful time and voted the affair one of the most charming of the season.

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Last night and on Wednesday evening before the germans of L'Arioso and L'Agile Clubs, respectively, Mrs Allan Nichols and her son, Mr. Spencer VanB. Nichols, who is at home from college for the holidays delightfully entertained a dozen of Mr. Nichols' young lady and gentlemen friends at their handsome apartments at the Carolina. The decorations, appropriate to the holiday season, were pretty and effective and Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Nichols proved themselves most delightful entertainers.

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The annual New Year's reception of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the rooms of the association today and the public generally is invited to attend. The rooms of the association have been most tastefully decorated, the color scheme being green and red. The rooms will be opened all day today and friends are invited to call at any hour and are assured of a warm welcome from the officers who will be on hand to greet them. Tonight, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, an elaborate programme of exercises will be given after which refresnments will be served. The programme will include musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, and recitations by some of the best local talent. The public is also most cordially invited to attend the exercises tonight.

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The following from this week's issue of the Maxton Scottish Chief will be read with interest here: "One of the delightful functions for which South Patterson street has been famous since Capt. J. C. Everett and daughter have been residing thereon was enjoyed by about fifty or sixty guests last Tuesday evening. The reception was given in honor of Capt. Everett's visiting children: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Everett, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Mrs. A. H. Huggins, of Wilmington. The guests were received by Mrs. Virginia Everett and presented to the guests of honor. The hall and parlors were decorated with holly, ferns and palms. Several hours were spent in conversation, games, instrumental and vocal music, and all that goes to make up a delightful evening. A salmon course and royal punch were served and when the end came—it may have been early, or it may have been in the "wee sma hours"—for the clock had stopped—the guests returned home thankful that social needs had been fully met."

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY DANCE BY L'AGILE COTILLON CLUB.

The annual holiday german by L'Agile Cotillon Club last night in the Masonic Temple ball room was one of the crowning social features of the holiday festivities and the young people of that organization and their guests literally as well as figuratively "danced the old year out and the New Year in." There were about thirty couples and the dance was one of the prettiest of the season. Among those present and dancing were: Miss Madge Brand, Mr. Thos. F. Wood; Miss Elston Baxter, of Philippine Islands, Mr. Frank G. Harriss; Miss Jean King, of New York, Mr. Clayton Smith; Miss Smallbones, Mr. L. J Poisson; Miss Alma Peschau, Mr. Claude Rankin, of Fayetteville; Miss Amoret Lord, Mr. H. F. Boatwright; Miss Lucy Poisson, Mr. F. D. Poisson; Miss Eleanor Gilchrist, Mr. J. N. Huske, Jr.; Miss Mildred Smith, Mr. Robert Strange, Jr.; Miss Annie Worth, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Jr.; Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. E. P. Bailey; Miss Christine Stevenson, Mr. T. J Moore, Jr.; Miss Etta Brand, Mr. Milton Gore; Miss Helen Kenly, Mr. Geo. Carmichael; Miss Delamar Barbank, Mr. James Durham; Miss Lillian Kenly, Mr. H. C. Calder; Miss Annette Munds, Mr. W. A. McKoy, Miss Albright, Mr. Walter Storm, of New York; Miss Hilda Spafford, of London, Eng., Capt. Clarence D. Maffitt; Miss Willingham, of Marietta, Ga., Mr. P. M. Holmes; Miss O'Neill, Mr. Bennett Dunn; Miss Blalock, Columbia, S. C., Mr. John Q. Myers; Miss Lauriston Hardin, Mr. M. W. Blair; Miss Elizabeth Allen, Mr. Allen Fechtig; Miss Elise Kidder, Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Florence Kidder, Mr. S. T. Pender.

Stags—Mr. Homer Giles Day, of New York; Mr. Eugene Lee, Mr. E. F. Peschau, Mr. J. N. Jacobs, Mr. L. H. Siau.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Crow.

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CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB'S NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT.

The Star learns that the usual great interest will be taken in the activities on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club today and the prospects are that a large crowd of both ladies and gentlemen will add to the attractiveness of this picturesque park, which, by the way, is located partly on the inverline of the historic fortifications which were built to protect this city against the Federal troops during the Civil war. The programme for the day is as follows:

Men's Handicap, medal play, tournament for first prize cup, provided by the club. Play to begin on the arrival of the 10 o'clock car.

In the afternoon the men will take part in a "kicker's handicap", medal play, at nine holes. Play to begin on the arrival of the 2:30 car. The prize for this event will be a golf club to be selected by the winner, which has been kindly donated for the occasion by Mr. "Andy" Mercer, the clever professional and instructor employed by the club.

Beginning upon the arrival of the 3 P. M. car, the lady members of the club and any guests who may come to enter will play a handicap tournament at nine holes for a cup offered by the Club as a first prize, and for a golf club to be selected by the winner, as second prize, same having been kindly donated by Mr. Mercer.

An additional event which promises to be of unusual interest is a contest between Messrs. A. S. Williams and R. H. Gwaltney to decide the result of a tie between them for the second prize for the Thanksgiving Day tournament. It appears that Messrs. Williams and Gwaltney played off this tie, after the regular tournament on Thanksgiving day, in accordance with rules agreed upon by them; this was afterwards decided by the Greens committee, to be irregular and at a meeting held December 14th, the committee prescribed that the same contestants should play 36 holes against the "Bogey" handicap prescribed for the original match. The scores for the 27 holes, above referred to, will be used, as far as they go, in the tie-setting match.

The winner will get the handsome cup offered by the Club as a second prize and the loser will get the six balls already provided as a third prize for the Thanksgiving tournament. It is understood that Mr. Williams will refuse to play off the tie under the conditions prescribed by the Greens committee for the reason that he considers he won the second prize on Thanksgiving Day when the tie was played off by him and his "victim" in accordance with what they understood to be the rules governing such contests.

WANTED HERE FOR SEDUCTION.

Charley D. Tew, Formerly of This City, Arrested at Waycross.

Constable W. B. Savage was advised by telegram yesterday morning of the arrest at Waycross, Ga., of Charley D. Tew, a young white man, formerly an employe of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, who is wanted in Wilmington on the charge of seduction. The officer may leave today for Waycross to bring the prisoner here for trial before Justice Bornemann, who issued the warrant. It is not known yet whether the young man will fight extradition. The warrant for Tew was sworn out several weeks ago and Constable Savage went to Waycross in search of him. When he arrived there he learned that the young man had gone to Jacksonville, Fla., so the officer journeyed to the Flowery State. He failed to locate his man, but got several clues which finally led to the arrest by the Waycross officers.

Funeral of Mr. Wilkinson.

The funeral of Mr. John E. Wilkinson, whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon at an advanced age, will be held from the late residence, 714 North Fourth street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. Members of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member, have been called to meet in Castle Hall at 2 o'clock for the purpose of attending the obsequies in a body.

DIED.

DAVIS—At Waynesville, N. C., December 30th, 1909, N. NIXON DAVIS, in the 40th year of his age. Funeral this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Chamber of Commerce will be closed today, for the observance of New Year, all markets being closed, as usual, on this day.

—The regular monthly meeting of the County White Teachers' Association will be held at the Court House this morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

—By deed filed for record yesterday J. A. Miller and wife transfer to S. J. Ellis and wife, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on southwest corner of 10th and Chesnut streets.

—The real estate office of Mr. W. M. Cumming on Princess street, in which is transacted the business of the Mechanics' Home Association, will remain open all of today.

—The wireless telephone, which has been exhibited at various places in the city for the past few days, can be seen either at Jarman's Drug Store or the Junction Restaurant by anyone wishing to examine it.

—Mr. B. H. Stephens, a skilled and competent architect, has opened a draughtsman's office on the fourth floor of the Garrell building. He has designed many handsome residences in Wilmington as well as at other places.

—Constable W. B. Savage yesterday afternoon arested Jack Erwin, an attache of the revenue cutter Seminole, charged, with four others tried Thursday, with raising a disturbance at the Champion Compress. He will be tried before the Recorder. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., has been employed to defend him.

—As will be noted from the advertising columns of today's Star Sheriff S. P. Cowan has extended the time limit for the payment of taxes on real estate to January 12th, by which time all are urged to pay if they would save costs. He says that taxes on poll and personal property should be paid at once.

—The government tug Coquette is at the Wilmington Iron Works having a new compound engine put in to take the place of a single engine heretofore in the steamer. She expects to complete installation of the engine today and will next week go on the marine railway for general overhauling. The Coquette is used in towing rock to the dam on the lower Cape Fear and as a tender for the dredge Jacksonville.

Removes to Garrell Building.

As will be seen by reference to the advertising columns of today's Star The Temple Pharmacy, Mr. Walter R. Kingsbury proprietor, has been moved to the Garrell building and will be formally opened for business this morning. Mr. Kingsbury has conducted a drug business in the Masonic Temple for the last 18 months and has a large number of friends and patrons, who will call to see him at his new quarters.

Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—L. V. Grady, Esq., prominent member of the Whiteville bar, spent yesterday in the city on business.

—J. T. Bland, Esq., of the Burgaw bar, spent yesterday in Wilmington on legal business.

—Mr. D. F. McGrew, formerly of this city, but now of Millen, Ga., is spending a part of the holidays in the city and is being pleasantly greeted by his many friends.

THE DISABLED EXCELSIOR.

Cutter Received Message Telling of Condition of Steamer.

The revenue cutter Seminole, returning to port yesterday from South port, where she remained for the past two days, in readiness to render assistance to vesels at sea, received a message from Beaufort, which was evidently sent shortly after the steamer Excelsior displayed distress signals.

The plight of the liner was detailed in yesterday's dispatches, the vessel having been reported by wireless as unable to control herself. Two black balls were displayed indicating this fact but it was later learned that the steamer was in no immediate danger and her engineers would soon have the machinery repaired. The cutter did not respond, the distressed vessel having wireless aboard and being in the path of other large steamers. The steamer when first reported was over 200 miles from here.

The cutter returned to Southport from Frying Pan shoals, where it will be recalled she responded to the assistance of the Clyde Liner Iroquois last Monday night. The cutter had no difficulty in finding the disabled vessel and acted as convoy to her some distance down the coast.

FUNERAL OF MR. DAVIS.

Services From St. James' Episcopal Church This Morning.

Accompanied by grief-stricken relatives and a few sorrowing friends, the remains of the late Mr. Nicholas Nixon Davis were brought to this city on the 11:30 o'clock Atlantic Coast Line train last night and tenderly borne to the home of the parents of the deceased, Capt. and Mrs. R. B. Davis, 511 North Third street. Mr. Davis died in Waynesville, N. C., Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, mention of which was made in yesterday's paper. The funeral services will be held at St. James' Episcopal church, of which the deceased was long a member, at 11 o'clock this morning, conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, assisted probably by other Episcopal ministers of the city. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Monday, January 3rd.

All deposits made with The People's Savings Bank on or before Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for Three Months Interest April 1st.

Dec 31-3t.

The C. W. Polvogt Company will keep open until 1 o'clock New Years.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS DECREASE.

More Than 800 Less During 1909 Than in the Preceding Year.

An examination of the police blotters at the City Hall reveals the fact that there was a material decrease in the number of arrests in 1909 as compared with the preceding year. Up to 9 o'clock last night the records showed that for the 12 months in 1909 there were 1,110 arrests against 1,920 for 1908, the last year of open saloons, a decrease of 810. In 1909 there were 326 arrests for drunkenness and in 1908 there were 470, a decrease of 144 under the reign of prohibition. This is a fine showing for those opposed to open saloons and is exactly opposite the views of some who hold that there is more offenses committed in Wilmington now against the peace and dignity of the State than when the city was full of saloons.

The following shows the number of arrests for each month of the two years, together with number of drunks:

1908—January, total arrests 156 drunk 11; Feb. total 43, drunk 21; March, total 53, drunk 21; April, total 82, drunk 18; May, total 107, drunk 21; June, total 107, drunk 29; July, total 78, drunk 23; August, total 97, drunk 16; September, total 141; drunk 44; October, total 109, drunk 42; November, total 122, drunk 40; December, total 115, drunk 58; making a total number of 1,110 arrests for the year 1909.

1908—January, total arrests 150, drunk 33; February, total 129, drunk 31; March, total 154, drunk 29; April, total 180, drunk 29; May, total 141, drunk 31; June, total 161, drunk 35; July, total 147, drunk 23; August, total 185, drunk 41; September, total 141, drunk 31; October, total 190, drunk 59; November, total 150, drunk 46; December, total 192, drunk 82, making a total number of 1,920 arrests for the year.

NORTH ON SAD MISSION.

Mr. VanLeuven Summoned to Kingston, N. Y., on Account of Death.

Mr. C. VanLeuven left last night for his old home at Kingston, N. Y., in response to a telegram yesterday morning announcing the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Jeanett Benson, at the advanced age of 90 years, having been born in October, 1819. The funeral will be conducted on Monday and Mr. VanLeuven expects to reach Kingston in time to attend the obsequies with other members of the family. Friends of Mr. VanLeuven will tenderly sympathize with him in this bereavement, especially as it comes following so closely several other which have occurred in the family so recently.

A Blow in the Back.—An overcoat is a necessary nuisance and the tendency to take it off on warmish days in late autumn and winter is as strong as it is unwise. A treacherous wind hits you in the back and the next morning you have lumbago. Rub well and often with Perry Davis' Painkiller and you will be astonished to find how quickly all soreness is banished.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 55 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.65 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 37, rosin $2.65, tar $1.70, crude turpentine $1.75 and $2.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	13
Rosin	156
Tar	59
Crude turpentine	21

Receipts, same day last year 15 casks spirits turpentine; 70 barrels rosin; 105 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 15 1-4 for middling. Quotation corresponding day last year 8 9-16c.

Receipts—1,272 bales, same day last year, 1,058 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 35@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GOATS—50@75 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet today and after the first hour business was chiefly local, but while speculative longs appeared to be taking profits for over the holiday tomorrow and the week end there was a demand from spot people which sustained prices, with January contracts making a new high record for the season and with the general list closing steady net 3 points higher to 6 points lower.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 4 points, near positions being a shade lower under January notices and disappointing cables while the spring months were higher on covering. It was estimated that notices were representing about 25,000 bales of cotton were issued against January contracts and during the first half hour there was considerable selling of later months by commission houses who were evidently liquidation long contracts for over the two day adjournment. Prices eased off to a net decline of about 4 to 6 points in consequence, but as soon as the offerings of long cotton diminished, and it was seen that the notices were being stopped, in some cases by the same people who had issued them, the market developed a firmer tone on covering by local shorts and a continued demand from spot people and foreign houses. The spot people were supposed to be covering cotton "called" by mills while the foreign houses were assumed to be buying in the short end of straddles, and it was believed that the chief support received by the market during the day came from these sources; as at no time was there evidence of aggressive buying by the bull leaders. The market sold up to 15.88 for January and to 16.42 for May during the afternoon but eased off from the best in the late trading under realizing, with January closing at 15.80 and May at 16.37. Southern spot news continued very bullish, while the week end figures made a strong showing with the visible supply for American increasing only 14,000 bales for the week against an increase of over 140,000 bales last year.

Receipts at the ports today were 26,527 bales against 39,404 last week and 20,845 last year. For the week 175,000 bales against 223,582 last week and 286,777 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 4,508 bales against 2,468 last year and at Houston 8,941 bales, against 6,536 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet 5 points lower; middling uplands 1.610; middling gulf 16.36; sales 3,935 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	———	———
January	15.72	15.80
February	———	15.94
March	16.12	16.10
April	16.26	12.23
May	16.41	16.37
June	16.40	16.31
July	16.22	16.38
August	16.01	15.93
September	14.81	14.77
October	13.98	13.97
November	———	13.90

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 31.—For the week ending Friday, December 31st

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week 174,489.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year 289,924.

Total receipts since September 1st 5,064,057.

Total receipts to same date last year 6,346,173.

Exports for the week 163,675.

Exports for same week last year 314,243.

Total exports since September 1st 3,909,509.

Total exports same date last year 4,655,701.

Stock at all United States ports 790,278.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 1,049,101.

Stock at all interior towns ..... 793,125.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year 910,743.

Stock at Liverpool 1,054,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 937,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain 184,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year 331,000.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec. 31.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	1,777,243
New Orleans	745,965
Mobile	169,342
Savannah	1,108,149
Charleston	186,846
Wilmington	267,539
Norfolk	308,594
Baltimore	39,509
New York	3,273
Boston	4,745
Newport News	7,010
Philadelphia	627
San Francisco	10,150
Brunswick	177,562
Port Townsend	15,167
Pensacola	89,649
Portland, Ore	200
Port Arthur and Sabine Pass	80,962
Jacksonville	29,478
Eagle Pass, Texas	410
El Paso, Texas	415
Laredo, Texas	980
Gulfport	7,981
Georgetown	766
Texas City	8,605
Minor Port	7,323
Total	5,064,057

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 15 3-4; net receipts 6,203; stock 171,841.

New Orleans—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 4,508; stock 176,380.

Mobile—Quiet, 15 1-2; net receipts 680; stock 51,651.

Savannah—Firm, 15 1-2; net receipts 1,937; stock 116,950.

Charleston—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 546; stock 33,316.

Wilmington—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 1,272; stock 19,538.

Norfolk—Firm, 15 3-4; net receipts 1,606; stock 40,725.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 7-8; net receipts 2,584; stock 13,213.

New York—Quiet, 16.10; net receipts 50; stock 152,707.

Boston—Quiet, 16.10; net receipts 11.

Philadelphia—Steady 16.35; stock 2,425.

Brunswick—Net receipts 5,401; stock 10,809.

Newport News—Net receipts 1,279.

Texas City—net receipts 650.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 26,627; Great Britain 49; Continent 28,307; Mexico 650; stock 790,278.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 57,692; Great Britain 41,193; France 243; Continent 33,040; Mexico 650.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,064,057; Great Britain 1,384,574; France 713,691; Continent 1,535,071; Japan 25,719; Mexico 10,505.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 8,941; stock 113,385.

Augusta—Steady, 15 7-8; net receipts 1,383; stock 71,149.

Memphis—Firm, 15 5-8; net receipts 1,503; stock 211,627.

St. Louis—Firm, 15 5-8; net receipts 727; stock 43,209.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 451; stock 10,706.

Little Rock—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 928; stock 55,824.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-4; net receipts 1,045; stock 500.

Total today—Net receipts 14,978; gross receipts 17,679; shipments 16,849; sales 6,326; stock 500,460.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Spot dull, prices one point higher; American middling fair 8.88; good middling 8.62; middling 8.50; low middling 8.40; good ordinary 8.14; ordinary 7.89.

Sales 10,000, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,500 American. Receipts 11,000 bales including 10,400 American.

Futures opened and closed steady. January 8.29; January and February 8.29; February and March 8.42; March and April 8.35; April and May 8.37; May and June 8.39; June and July 8.39; July and August 8.37 1-2; August and September 8.11 1-2; September and October 7.53; October and November 7.37 1-2; November and December 7.26.

DICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 31.—The cotton market has been very steady today in spite of the fact that the trade is facing another holiday. There was nothing of the holiday spirit and the tone of the market was nervous throughout spot news from the South indicated that spinners were calling cotton heavily and several points reported the largest demand in several month. More of the buying comes from domestic mills with Northern spinners leading. The weekly intoight is given by the New York Cotton Exchange as 253,000 against 432,000 last year. The figures had no immediate effect on the market as trade operations were confined largely to evening up before the holiday. Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia points reported buyers practically sweeping the State for spot cotton. The spinners appear to be the real bulls at the moment and there is every evidence of an impending stampede. DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—The cotton goods and cotton yarn markets closed strong at the top price of the year. Wool is somewhat cheaper in the local market. Raw silk is firmer. Jobbers have secured good results at clearance sales.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—The closing day of the year in the stock market reflected an ~~exclusive tone of good things to come with~~ the opening of the new year, rather than the direct operation of present favorable influences in the trading. January will see the largest sum disbursed in profits that has ever occurred in a similar period in New York.

The stock market of the day was characterized by the great number of separate securities which were dealt in, many long dormant stocks appearing on the tape. The disposition to clear up many accounts with the end of the year accounted partly for this. Outside of the miscellaneous stocks the most conspicuous feature of the list was Southern Pacific. Talk of a probable increase in the dividend on this stock in February was made very prominent in the day's market proceedings.

Rock Island made another advance and the filing of the report of the investigation committee of the flurry in that stock last Monday made it the subject of comment.

The resumption of the rise in Rock Island today and a parallel movement in Wabash revived the rumors of a project affecting the two properties in common.

Besides the generally cheerful forward view taken of affairs, a good deal of strengthening effect of the speculation was caused by the backward survey of the achievement for the last year. Quiet confidence rather than jubilant enthusiasm was the dominant note. The conservative restraint comes from the labor outlook in connection with the high cost of living and questions of legal restraints on corporations which are to assume prominence at an early period in the New Year. The expected relation in the money market also is not looked for immediately next week.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $6,189,000. United States 2s have declined 1-4 per cent. in the bid price on call since last week. Total sales for the day were 850,400 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—Money on call firm 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 per cent.; ruling rate 6, closing bid 5 1-4, offered at 5 3-4. Time loans dull but firm; sixty days 4 1-4 per cent., ninety days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2; six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8375 to 4.8385 for sixty day bills and at 4.8715 for the demand. Commercial bills 4.83 3-8 to 7-8. Bar silver 52 5-8; Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-4
U. S. ref 2s, coupon	101 1-4
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84
American Agricultural 5s	102
American Tel. & Tel cv 4s	105 1-2
American Tobacco 4s	76 3-4
American Tobacco 6s	106 1-2
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 3-8
Atchison gen. 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv 4s	123 1-8
Atchison cv 5s	122 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-4
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	86 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	108 3-4
Central Leather 5s	99 1-4
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103 1-4
Chesapeake & Ohio ref. 5s	104 1-2
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74 3-4
Chicago, B. & O. joint 4s	96 3-4
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-2
Chicago, Mi. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	83 1-2
Chcago, R. I. & P. R. R. col 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	91 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	84
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. & Southern ref & ext 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	102 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 3-8
Distillers 5s	74 1-4
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-4
Erie Gen 4s	76 7-8
Erie cv 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv 4s series "B"	73 1-2
General Electric cv 5s	147 1-2
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	90 1-2
Interborough Met 4 1-2s	83 3-8
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	71
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-2
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	72 3-4
Lake Shore deb 4s (1931)	95 3-8
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. Texas 1st 4s	90 1-8
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-4
Missouri Pacific 4s	82
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 3-4
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91
New York Central deb. 4s	95 5-8
N. Y., N. H. & Hartf 1st cv. 6s	134
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 3-8
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	101 1-2
Northern Pacific 4s	102 1-2
Northern Pacific 3s	74
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	94 1-2
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-2
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading Gen. 4s	99 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran fg. 4s	85
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 3-4
St. Louis Swestern con 4s	79 1-2
St. Louis Swestern 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	86
Southern Pacific col 4s	94 1-2
Southern Pacific cv 4s	105 1-2
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 4s	111
Southern Railway gen 4s	81 3-4
Union Pacific 4s	101 1-2
Union Pacific cv 4s	146 3-4
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	98
U. S Rubber 5s	104 1-2
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 3-8
Virginia Car Chemical 5s	98 3-8
Wabash 1st 5s	112 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	77 1-2
Western Md. 4s	85 3-4
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	94

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 3-4
Amalgamated Copper	50 3-8
American Agricultural	48
American Beet Sugar	46 1-2
American Can pfd	81
American Car & Foundry	52
American Cotton Oil	67 1-2
American Hide & Leather pfd	48
American Ice Securities	26
American Linseed	17 1-2
American Locomotive	61 3-4
American Smelting & Refng	103 7-8
Amer Smelting & Refining pfd	112 1-4
American Sugar Refining	122 1-2
American Tel. & Tel.	141
American Tobacco pfd	95 1-4
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	54 1-4
Atchison	123 7-8
Atchison pfd	103 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	135
Baltimore & Ohio	118 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethleham Steel	34
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 3-4
Canadian Pacific	181 5-8
Central Leather	48 1-4
Central Leather pfd	108 1-2
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	91 1-8
Chicago & Alton	66 1-4
Chicago Great Western	36 1-4
Chicago & Northwestern	182
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	158 3-4
C. C. C. & St. Louis	81 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	49 7-8
Colorado & Southern	56 7-8
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81 1-2
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80 1-4
Consolidated Gas	139 3-4
Corn Products	23
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande	51 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	84
Distillers' Securities	36 1-2
Erie	33 7-8
Erie 1st pfd	50 3-4
Erie 2nd pfd	40 1-2
General Electric	159
Great Northern pfd	128 5-8
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	81
Illinois Central	147 1-2
Interborough Met	24 1-2
Interborough Met pfd	81 1-2
Inter Harvester	118 1-2
Inter Marine pfd	25 1-2
International Paper	15 7-8
International Pump	52 5-8
Iowa Central	29 1-2
Kansas City Southern	43 7-8
Kan. City Southern pfd Ex. Div	70 1-4
Louisville & Nashville	157 3-4
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	141 5-8
Missouri Pacific	71 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	30 1-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 1-4
National Biscuit	115 1-4
National Lead	60
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	64
New York Central	125 1-4
New York, Ontario & Western	49 1-4
North American	84
Northern Pacific	145 1-2
Pacific Mail	43 1-8
Pennsylvania	137
People's Gas	115 7-8
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	99
Pressed Steel Car	51 1-2
Pullman Palace Car	194
Railway Steel Spring	81 1-2
Reading	171
Republic Steel	45 3-4
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	54 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	90
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	50 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	32 3-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	77
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	86 7-8
Southern Pacific	137 7-8
Southern Railway	33 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	74 1-2
Tennesee Cooper	40
Texas & Pacific	36 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West	53 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	71 5-8
Union Pacific	204 3-8
Union Pacific pfd	105 1-2
United States Realty	84
United States Rubber	52 7-8
United States Steel	99 7-8
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	60 1-2
Virginia Car. Chemical	54 7-8
Wabash	26 7-8
Wabash pfd	60 1-2
Western Maryland	32
Westinghouse Electric	82 1-2
Western Union	77
Wheeling & Lake Erie	10 1-4
Wisconsin Central	48 1-2
Standard Oil Co.	606

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—Flour dull, spring patents 5.40 to 5.65; winter patents 5.40 to 5.90.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal and Barley—Steady.

Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.28 elevator domestic and 1.27 1-2 fob afloat, both nominal to arrive. Options unchanged to 1-8c net higher. December 1.28; May 1.19 3-8; July 1.10.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 71 elevator domestic, 70 1-2 delivered and 69 1-4 fob afloat. Option unchanged. December 70 1-4; May 75 1-4.

Oats—Spot steady, mixed 47.

Tallow—Firm.

Pork and Cut Meats—Steady.

Lard—Easy.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw quiet; refined steady net unchanged to 5 points higher. Spot steady; Rio N. 7, 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 9; mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese and Eggs—Firm, unchanged.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Freights to Liverpoor—Easy; grain by steam 1 1-2d; cotton by steam 12c.

Cotton seed oil was quiet with spot easier; while futures ruled teadier on speculative support. Closing prices were 10 points higher to 5 points lower. Sales for the day were 4,100 barrels, making a total business for the year of 2,303,500 barrels. January 7.48 to 7.49; March 7.56 to 7.58; May 7.59 to 7.60; July 7.63 to 7.64. Prime crude 6.47 to 6.53; prime summer yellow 7.45 to 7.50; prime winter yellow 7.60 to 8.40; prime summer white 7.70 to 7.99.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Liquidation December holdings incidental to the expiration of that option caused weakness in the grain markets here today. As a result of these profit taking sales wheat for December delivery sold off 6 1-2 cents from the previous close. The same delivery for corn declined 1 1-4. Oats broke 5-8s. The future options were affected by the heaviness of December. Provisions were weak owing to liberal receipts of live hogs.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 17 1-2	1 18	1 12
May	1 12 1-2	1 12 1-2	1 11 5-8
July	1 02	1 02 1-4	1 01 5-8
Corn—			
Dec.	64	64	61 3-4
May	67	67	66 1-2
July	65 7-8	66 7-8	66 1-2
Oats—			
Dec.	44 1-4	44 1-4	43 5-8
May	45 3-4	45 7-8	45 5-8
July	43 5-8	43 3-4	43 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 45	21 45	21 37 1-2
May	21 62 1-2	21 70	21 65
July	21 65	21 75	21 75
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	12 20	12 25	12 22 1-2
May	11 82 1-2	11 85	11 82 1-2
July	11 75	11 82 1-2	11 77 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	11 32 1-2	11 32 1-2	11 30
May	11 32 1-2	11 35	11 30
July	11 32 1-2	11 32 1-2	11 32 1-2

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Cuicago, Dec. 31.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 1.25 to 1.28; No. 2 red 1.17 to 1.24; No. 2 hard 1.16 to 1.16 1-2; No. 3 hard 1.12 to 1.15; No. 1 northern 1.17 to 1.18; No. 2 northern 1.14 to 1.17; No. 3 pring 1.12 to 1.16.

Corn—No. 2, 64 1-2; No. 3 white 62; No. 3 yellow 62 1-4 to 62 1-2; No. 4, 59; No. 4 yellow 59 1-2 to 60.

Oats—No. 3, 44; No. 3 white 44 1-2 to 46 3-4; No. 4 white 44 1-4 to 44 3-4, standard 45 1-2 to 46.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 31. Rosin steady, turpentine firm.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Turpentine firm 55 1-2 to 56. Rosin firm. Quote A, B, C, 3.97 1-2; D, 4.02 1-2; E, 4.00 to 4.10; F, 4.12 1-2 to 4.15; G, 4.17 1-2 to 4.25; H, 4.20 to 4.25; I, 4.35; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG 6.25; WW, 6.40.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—Turpentine firm 56; sales 1092; receipts 215; shipments 512. Rosin firm; sales 1,770; receipts 851; shipments 3,0552; stock 132,362. Quote: A, B, C, 4.00; D, 4.02 1-2; E, 4.10; F, 4.15; G, 4.17 1-2; H, 4.20; I, 4.35; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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Str. Carib, Packer, Georgetown, S. C., H. G. Smallbones.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—73 bales cotton, 32 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—71 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—517 bales cotton, 14 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—40 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 8 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—4 casks spirits turpentine, 107 barrels rosin.

Str. Carib—567 bales cotton.

Schr. Isabell—2 bales cotton, 3 casks pirits turpentine, 49 barrels rosin, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Geneva M—2 bales cotton.

Total—1,272 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 156 barrels rosin, 59 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Kenley (Br.) 2,331 tons, Wilson, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Phillip M. Brooks, 247 tons, Sanders, C. D. Mafflitt.

Rothesay (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Mafflitt.

Chas. J. Dumas, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Mafflitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Mafflitt.

Julia P. Cole, 419 tons Small, C. D. Mafflitt.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Hester's Weekly Statement Shows 4,969,316 Bales.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,969,316 bales against 4,920,957 last week and 5,437,375 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,900,316 bales against 3,876,957 last week and 4,568,375 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,069,000 bales against 1,044,000 last week and 869,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,674,000 against 2,948,000 last year; in Egypt 239,000 bales against 293,000 last year; in India 504,000 against 269,000 last year, and in the United States 1,552,000 bales against 1,927,000 last year.

Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Friday, Dec. 31:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 21 degrees; 8 P. M. 38 degrees; maximum 48 degrees, minimum 19 degrees; mean 32 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 4.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

Fort North Carolina—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; warmer Saturday, light to moderate southerly winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 1.

Sun Rises.....7:18 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:14 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 12:17 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 2:17 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. C. L.—Dividend Notice.
S. P. Cowan, Sheriff—Notice.
A. D. Brown—Happy New Year.
W. R. Kingsbury—To The Public.
American National Bank—Greeting.
Southern National Bank—Statement.
Hopkins & Davis—To Our Customers.
Tidewater Power Co.—Vulcan Heaters.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Greetings.
Murchison National Bank—Happy New Year.
Stonewall Lodge, K. of P.—Attention Members.

Business Locals.

Lost—Black Silk Muffler.
T. C. James—Check Lost.
Atlantic Cafe—Clerk Wanted.
Uncle Charles—Money to Loan.
J. G. Wright & Son—Only Once.
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W. M. Cumming—Office Open Today.
Mill Superintendent—Wants Position.
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J. G. Wright & Son—Market Street Home.

THE OFFICIAL NEW YEAR.

Flashed Around the World From Washington Last Midnight.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Precisely at midnight an employe of the Navy Department pressed a button in the Naval observatory. Instantly there leaped from it a spark that encircled the globe. It lost only a comparatively few seconds, which did not discommode those who heard the news that a new year had been born. New York got the word, both starting from Washington a few seconds later after it had encircled the globe.

There was little ceremony about the affair. A sleepy under official of the naval observatory pressed down on the key when midnight was announced the year 1909 lay dying, while in shining harness the new 1910 stepped into notice.

As a matter of fact, however, the greeting of the United States at the beginning of each year is more than a sentimental exchange of the compliments of the season with the rest of the world. While the spark that travels overland, under water and through the air to practically all the habitable parts of the earth conveys a sentiment of civilization, the government officials point out that it means much more than this. It enables the outlying settlements of the globe to verify their times and the warships of variations to make sure of their calculations as to their whereabouts.

For the last ten days the telegraph companies and the wireless stations have been perparing to assist the United States government in flashing the New Year's spark around the globe.

The men in charge of both the government and the privately controlled aerial telegraph lines adjusted their instruments and made all preparations to catch the spark. Thus it was hurled over miles of icy wastes into Alaska and the "Mushers" and miners of that far-off territory of the United States received their new year's greeting from a nation grateful for the richness they have poured into the coffers of the treasury during the last two years.

EXPRESS OFFICE DESTROYED.

Belated Christmas Packages Burned in New York—Loss $500,000.

New York, Dec. 31.—Belated Christmas packages and other valuable express parcels in large numbers went up in smoke today in a fire which destroyed the American Express Company's office and store rooms near the Grand Central station, causing a loss estimated at $500,000 and the injury of two persons.

The flames raged for several hours in the main building and small structures adjoining covering the greater part of a block.

At periods the fire was punctuated by explosions believed to have been supplied by oil barrels among the goods in the warehouses. The blaze was a spectacular one, and thousands of persons gathered to watch the firemen's hard fight against its stubborn persistence.

SCORE WERE INJURED.

Fearful Explosion in Railroad Station in Quebec Last Night.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 31.—Over a score of people were injured in an explosion at the Place Vigers station of the Canadian Pacific Railway shortly before midnight. Many of the victims were frightfully mangled and the death list, it is feared, will be large.

The Quebec train, which usually leaves the station at about 11:30 was on the eve of pulling out. The station platform was crowded with a New Year's throng, seeing friends off when there was a terrific explosion which ripped up the platform from end to end and buried more than a score of people in the debris.

Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children 50c.

Monday, January 3rd.

All deposits made with The People's Savings Bank on or before Monday January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for Three Months Interest April 1st.

Dec 31 3t.

CHANGE OF FLEETS.

Interests in Far East Brings About New Commands in Navy.

Washington, Dec. 31.—On account of the growing importane of American interests in the Far East and the difficulty of administering the whole fleet as now constituted, the Navy Department has decided to divide the Pacific fleet into two separate fleets to be known as the Osiatic fleet and the Pacific fleet.

In January, 1907, the old Asiatic was merged into the Pacific fleet and made the third squadron thereof. The action of the department today restores the old order of assignments. The object of the merging of the two fleets was to concentrate in one command, under one admiral on each coast, all the ships in the Atlantic and in the Pacific oceans. Great difficulty in the management of the fleet has been experienced as the ports to be visited are so far apart.

The commander in chief of the new Asiatic fleet will be Rear Admiral John Hubbard, who will relieve Admiral G. E. Harber, in a few days at Yokohama. Admiral Harber will relieve some time in February Rear Admiral U. Sebree as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

The new Pacific fleet will consist of the Tennessee, Washington, California, South Dakota, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Colorado. The Milwaukee and the St. Louis now at the Brewerton Navy yard, Washington, will join the new Pacific fleet as soon as their repairs are completed.

The new Asiatic fleet will consist of the Charleston, Galveston, Cleveland, Denver, Chattanooga, Helena, Wilmington Calino, Samar, Villalobas, Araavat, Paragua, Mindora and the Monterey.

GOOD BUSINESS YEAR.

Bradstreet's Report of Trade Conditions—Complaint From South.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet tomorrow will say: Quiet has followed the preceding weeks' rush of business in retail lines, while in wholesale lines, salesmen are in from the road and inventorying is general. All obtainable information points to satisfactory business in many sections, in fact a record volume of business done in the year just closed. The least satisfactory reports as to the year's results come from those sections of the South where crop damage has prevented fullest advantage being taken of the high prices of cotton.

In wholesale and jobbing lines at large, if not, record Spring business has been booked.

Prices of commodities show undiminished strength and some of the highest prices of the year were made in the last week. Cotton, for instance reached and passed 16 cents, a price never heretofore reached at this time since war times.

Business failures in the United States ending with December 30th were 256 against 264 last week and 299 in the like week of 1908.

CRUELLY MURDERS KINSWOMAN.

James Smith Shoots and Kills His Cousin, Cora Allen, in Anson.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.)

Wadesboro, Dec. 30.—What appears to have been one of the most cold blooded murders in the criminal records of Anson county occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon eight miles west of this city, when James Smith, white, shot and instantly killed his cousin, Cora Allen.

Particulars of the tragedy are meager. It is said that Smith rode up to the house on his horse and asked for Cora Allen and was told that she was in a back room, ill, and confined to her bed. He walked around to the rear room, entered and drawing his pistol, deliberately shot the sick woman, killing her almost instantly. The murderer then rushed out of the house, mounted his horse and fled.

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 31.—Smith surrendered to Constable Sullivan at Unionville this morning. He claims the shooting was accidental. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict charging murder and ordering the arrest of Claude Little as accessory. Little has not been found. The sheriff with a posse is searching for him. All parties concerned seem to be unable to give any cause for the shooting. Smith is a cousin of the Allen woman, who is a girl of only 17 years.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT

Decrease in Proportionate Cash Reserve—Deposits and Loans.

New York, Dec. 31.—The statement of the clearing house banks for the week (five days shows that the banks hold $6,188,200 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is a decrease of $3,957,075 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The statement follows: Loans decrease, $2,868,900; deposits decrease, $7,998,900; circulation decrease, $113,700; legal tenders decrease, $1,568,600; specie decrease, $4,388,200; reserve decrease $5,956,800, reserve required, decrease, $1,999,725; surplus decrease, $3,957,075; ex-U. S. deposits decrease, $3,993,600.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 25.33. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,252,741,200; total bash on hand $144,849,000, and loans amounting to $1,206,946,800.

IN EXTREMIS

Condition of Mr. T. L. McNair, Stricken With Paralysis, Alarming.

Laurinburg, Dec. 30.—The condition of Mr. T. L. McNair, who on the 24th day of this month was stricken with paralysis, is said to be more favorable today. The attack came to him while he was on Main street but not with a sudden severeness. He grew gradually worse until he lapsed into an unconscious, and utterly helpless condition. He was taken to the Scotland hospital where he has since remained.

While there are signs of consciousness, still his condition is yet alarming to his relatives and friends.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

GIVING COOK FAIR TRIAL

American Railway Conductor Charged With Complicity in Robbery.

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—According to Government officials today James A. Cook, the American railway conductor, who is being held in custody at Guadalajara charged with complicity in the robbery of a train of which he was in charge on the Mexican Central railroad, is having a fair trial and his case is being expedited as much as is possible under the Mexican laws. The trial is being conducted under the laws of the State of Jalisco, with which the State Department of Mexico has no right to interfere.

The authorities of Jalisco, nevertheless have been asked by the Mexican State Department to use every effort to reach a verdict in the case. Notwithstanding reports that have been received here to the effect that Representations had been made that the tardy methods seemingly employed by the Mexican government were being criticised in an unfriendly manner in the United States sub-secretary of foreign relations Gamboa stated that nothing in the nature of a criticism had reached the foreign office.

GET SOME TIME OFF

Tennesseans Confined in Jail at Washington Given Commutations.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Although a little late the Supreme Court of the United States made a Christmas present to the Tennesseeans, who are confined in the jail of the District of Columbia on a charge of contempt of that court. In consultation today the court decided that the men were entitled to the five days a month commutations allowed for good behavior under the code of the district. This will result in reducing the terms of the two months prisoners to the extent of ten days and will insure their freedom next Tuesday, the fourth proximo. The three months men will each receive a reduction of 15 days, terminating their sentences on the first of February. The men who will be liberated on Tuesday are Jeremiah Gibson, the deputy sheriff, Henry Padgett and Richard Mayse. Sheriff Shipp, Luther Williams and Nick Nolan, 90 days men, will be required to continue in prison until the first of February.

THREE HELD FOR CRIME

John Carlton, His Wife and Son Charged With Murder at Bristol.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 31.—John Carlton, his wife and their 18 year old son, Rupert, were held to court today for the murder of Arthur Howard, the young business man who was shot down by Rupert Carlton here Wednesday.

They will be sent to jail pending a trial. The evidence at the preliminary hearing indicated a plot upon the part of the Carltons to kill Howard.

A girl may mean to be ever so polite, but she just can't help looking at the name on a box of candy. Be sure it is the right name—NUNNALLY'S. In polite circles it is recognized as the candy that is always acceptable—and always good.

Nunnally's

A fresh supply always kept by
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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small parkages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

FOR RENT—That large and desirable store, Northeast corner Third and Castle streets, suitable for first-class grocery or drug store. Formerly occupied by Carpenter & Miller. Possession given on or about January 10th 1910. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. ja 1 1w

WANTED—Position as stenographer or bookkeeper. Now employed. Best reference. Address "W." Box 465, City. ja 1 2t*

THE OFFICE of W. M. Cumming will remain open all day today. ja 1 1t

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION will remain open all day today for the first payment of the 39th series of B. & L. stock. W. M. Cumming, secretary. ja 1 1t

WANTED Immediately, young man stenographer, four or five months work, good salary. Address giving references, "J. W. D." P. O. Box 225, City. ja 1 2t

MONEY TO LOAN on diamonds and revolvers, shot guns and anything of value at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. ja 1 tf

WANTED—Second-hand vertical boiler, from four to eight horse capacity. Must be in good condition and at reasonable price. Address A. M., care Star. ja 1 tf

I HEREBY give notice that check issued by Treasurer, Norfolk & Western Railway, made payable to my order and endorsed, was lost on streets yesterday. Payment has been stopped and all parties are warned against negotiating same. T. C. James. ja 1 1t*

CLERK wanted at Atlantic Cafe, opposite Union Station. ja 1 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—Last night between theatre and Sixth street on Princess, a black silk muffler. Finder call phone 1388 or return to 613 Grace street and receive reward. Ja 1 1t*

WANTED—Position by first-class dry cleaner and presser; also able to do dyeing, hat blocking and busheling. Address Alizarine, care Star. ja 1 tf.

MILL SUPERINTENDENT with 20 years experience, wants position. Practical all-around mill wright and machinist. Best references. Apply "N. R. D." care Star. Ja 1 eod 6t

MARKET STREET HOME for sale. An opportunity seldom offered, here is a chance to get your home. The principal street in the city. Market between Seventh and Eighth streets, elegant deep lot with 12-foot alleyway in rear. For price, terms and full information see J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents, 124 Princess street. ja 1 2t

ONLY ONCE in a great while can Market street property west of Tenth, be bought at any price. Today we offer that elegant lot on south side of Market between Seventh and Eighth streets, 200 feet deep with 12 foot alley in rear. Price reasonable, terms as you prefer. The principal street of the city, high beautiful lot in a superb location. J. G. Wright & Son are the sole agents, 124 Princess street. Ja 1 2t

FOR RENT—One large and one medium size furnished rooms, with or without board No. 313 Grace street, 'phone 1025. Ja 1 1t*

FOR SALE—A beautiful corner lot 85 feet front by 185 feet depth, in the best location in the city, on macadam street and car line. Two blocks from union depot, four blocks from postoffice. Can be bought at a price that will make it a good investment. Call and see us for price and terms. J. G. Wright & Son, Sole Agents, 124 Princess street. de 31 3t

FOR SALE An elegant lot on Market street between Seventh and Eighth; this lot is higher than the street and has large yard also has a rear entrance. For prices and terms see J. G. Wright & Son, Sole Agents. de 31 3t

YOUNG MALE Stenographer, six years experience, desires situation with wholesale concern, office or store, to learn the business and become traveling salesman. Best reference, including present employer. Address box 61 R. F. D. No. 1, Currie, N. C. de 31 4t*

WANTED—Position as stenographer or bookkeeper. Now employed. Best reference. Address "W" Box 465, City. de 31 2t*

FROM TURKEYS TO HOG JOWLS—Give us your order for nice dressed chickens and turkeys, fresh pork hams; best of oysters, fancy tomatoes, celery and lettuce. Hog Jowl for New Year's. Palace Market. Phone No. 72. de 30 tf

WANTED—Young man with $150 capital to purchase half interest in a business that will pay a salary of $40 to $45 per week. A good opening for an energetic worker. Apply for information to F. W. Bonitz, Attorney. de 30 3t

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—On January 1st, being next Saturday, The Hanover Building and Loan Association will open its ninth series of stock, and every man, woman and child should avail themselves of this opportunity of subscribing for stock in this series. This Association has had a very prosperous year and is paying a good rate of interest as an investment and assisting the home-seekers in securing a home, and there is no better way to form a saving habit than by this method. We have never had a loss. Books will be open until January 7th, 1910, at Wilder's Real Estate Office, No. 207 Princess street, only five hundred shares will be sold in this series. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; L. P. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 30 1w.

W. M. CUMMING rents and sells real estate. de 28 5t

39th SERIES B. & L. Stock in Mechanics Home Association opens January 1st, 1910; subscribe now. W. M. Cumming, secretary; 108 Princess street. de 24 tf ex su

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

WANTED—Several pupils who wish to take lessons in the German language. Apply Prof. O. Braun, 23 South Second street. Phone 184. de 29 6t*

PHOTOGRAPHS—Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

QUIAL ON TOAST. Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night. Sundays too. no 30 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M. through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vadadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 346, W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 28 1w

TO THE PUBLIC.

I respectfully announce to the people of Wilmington and vicinity that I have moved my Drug Store to the Garrell Building, on the southwest corner of Second and Princess streets, and have this, New Year's Day, 1910, opened For Business. All my stock will from time to time be replaced with fresh new goods and prescriptions will be as honestly filled in the future as in the past. Trusting that my friends will All come to see me and with the very best wishes for the brightest and best of all the New Year's for all the people, I am, Respectfully,

WALTER R. KINGSBURY,
Agent.

Jan. 1 1t.

$10 REWARD.

Will be paid for the apprehension of the person or persons who stripped the trees and vines on the grounds of the Oakdale Cemetery Company of their foliage. T. DONLAN,
de 30-we-sa-tu. Supt.

SHERIFF'S TAX NOTICE.

For good and sufficient reasons I have extended the time for payment of taxes on real estate until after the first of the year. Those who wish to save the costs of advertising and levy should be sure to pay before January 12, as I must have the taxes.

Tax on polls and personal property should be paid at once. Office hours 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

S. P. COWAN,
Sheriff.

Jan. 1 1t.

CASTLE HALL

Stonewall Lodge K. of P. No. 1.

The members of Stonewall Lodge Knights of Pythias are hereby notified to assemble at the Pythian Castle Hall this (Saturday) afternoon, January 1st, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral services of our late brother, J. E. Wilkinson.

The members of Clarendon, Jefferson and Germania lodges are invited to join us.

By order of:

JOSEPH W. LITTLE,
Chancellor Commander.

By W. C. SMITH,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

Ja 1 1t

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Office of the Treasurer.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27, 1909.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of three per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 10th, 1910, to stockholders of record on the 18th day of December, 1909. The transfer books are closed from the 17th day of December, 1909, at three o'clock P. M., to the 11th day of January, 1910, at ten o'clock A. M., both dates inclusive. JAMES F. POST,
ja 1 to 10. Treasurer.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We wish you a happy New Year and we also wish to thank you for your past patronage and solicit a continuance of the same.

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Front Street Market.

Wholesale and Retail Fresh Meat Dealers.

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New Year Cards and Calendars. Office Supplies, Oliver Typewriters, rebuilt Underwoods, Remington and Oliver Typewriters at half price. Ribbons and Carbon for all machines.

Loose Leaf Ledgers and Blank Books of all kinds.

Globe-Wernicke Filing Cabinets and Book Cases. Derby Desks and Office Furniture.

C. W. YATES & CO.

de 31 tf

XMAS GREETINGS.

I wish to thank my many friends for their valued patronage during the year 1909, and wish for each one the merriest Xmas and happiest New Year of your life.

My motto is to please all, at all times and I succeeded in this so well, that my practice increased over 300 per cent in 1909 over 1908.

I trust that I may serve you and your friends during 1910.

DR. JAS. W. POWELL
Dentist.

de 12 tf

ROYAL FLOUR

318 barrels Royal.
791 barrels Bunker Hill.
131 barrels one-half Patent Flour.
963 bags N. C. Peanuts.
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199 bags Spanish Peanuts.
589 bags Nitrate Soda.
461 bags Muriate Potash.
294 bags Sulphate Potash.
115 cars 16 per ct. Acid.
295 cars Mixed Guano.

W. B. Cooper,

Wilmington, N. C.

de 31 tf

The greetings of the season to you. May the bounties of the old year be richly blessed; may the new year bring you good health and happiness with prosperity; may the future be one of greater success in your calling.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Ja 1 tf

A. D. BROWN

Wishes his Friends and Patrons a Happy New Year and Desires a Continuance of Their Favors.

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MILTON CALDER, Cash.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Our wishing cannot bring you one, but a Savings Account drawing four per cent can.

Ja 1 tf

We wish for all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

Ja 1 tf

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Oak, Blackjack, Short and Long Leaf Pine and Soft Coal.
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High grade Lime, Portland Cement, Wall Plaster, etc. Cypress Shingles—all grades.
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